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Change Making

In this fourth week of focusing on being Changemakers in the tradition of Jesus, we reflect on the things that empower and on the ways that we are empowered. What are the resources we can share, encouragement we can provide, or the people we can reach to empower change? How are we empowered by our faith, by our church, and by the Spirit to not just worship Christ, but to follow?

- What is a changemaking ministry in this church that inspires you right now?

- How can you empower that ministry to do more?

- What is a changemaking ministry that is needed in our community that you can help empower?



From the beginning of the Jesus movement, followers of Christ declared that there is no Jew or Greek, no slave or free, nor is there male and female. We, the people of Two Rivers United Methodist Church join in this movement of the Holy Spirit and declare that we celebrate the diversity of our neighborhood and the world.

We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual and affectional orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We believe that the body of Christ is more vital in its ministry when the whole diversity of the human family may enjoy full participation and leadership in the Church.

We welcome all who have known the pain of exclusion or discrimination in the Church and society, and acknowledge the pain caused by the history of exclusionary policies of the United Methodist Church. We will continue to work toward a more inclusive Church and invite you to join us in following Jesus Christ on the Way, marked by greater hospitality, kindness, justice, peace, understanding, and mutual respect.

Announcements for October 5, 2025

Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am in the Swahili Classroom
Youth/Kids Sunday School - 10:45 am K-5 grade in the Nursery & 6-12 grade in the 3rd Floor Youth Room
Adult Sunday School - 10:45 am in Asbury Parlor

Discipleship Schedule
Monday Bible Study meets at noon in Epworth Hall. Wednesday Prayer & Devotion Time meets on Facebook Live and Zoom at noon every week. Zoom Meeting ID # for Wednesday is 961 006 728. The Zoom meeting can also be joined by phone simply by dialing 312-626-6799. Once connected, dial the Meeting ID # 961 006 728, and you will join in the conversation.

World Communion Sunday World Communion Sunday offerings fund graduate racial-ethnic World Communion Scholarships. Donations also provide for undergraduate U.S. Ethnic Scholarship and Ethnic In-Service Training programs. Please look for the special offering envelope in your worship bulletin. Thank you in advance for your gifts to this special offering.

Making Sense of The Bible A new weeknight book study will begin on Tuesday, **October 7 at 6:00** . The group will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, including October 21, November 4, 18, and December 2, and 16. These six sessions will be enough to get through Adam Hamilton’s book *Making Sense of the Bible*.

Two Rivers Readers Two Rivers Readers will meet tomorrow, Monday, October 6 at 10 am in the back of the sanctuary to discuss the book, “A Walk in the Woods” by Bill Bryson. All are invited to join the discussion.

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17th Sunday after Pentecost, October 5, 2025

Mark 10: 46-52

Jesus and his followers came into Jericho. As Jesus was leaving Jericho, together with his disciples and a sizable crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, Timaesus’ son, was sitting beside the road. ⁴⁷When he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was there, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, show me mercy!” ⁴⁸ Many scolded him, telling him to be quiet, but he shouted even louder, “Son of David, show me mercy!”

⁴⁹Jesus stopped and said, “Call him forward.”

They called the blind man, “Be encouraged! Get up! He’s calling you.”

⁵⁰ Throwing his coat to the side, he jumped up and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?”

The blind man said, “Teacher, I want to see.”

⁵² Jesus said, “Go, your faith has healed you.” At once he was able to see, and he began to follow Jesus on the way.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE “Simple Gifts” - John Carter

GREETING

CALL TO CHANGE MAKING

One: The world needs to change, and we are the changemakers. This work of changemaking is going to take a while.

All: **Changemaking is not a one-time event. It is a lifelong work.**

One: And this work is going to take all of us. If we want to keep change going, we need to be inviting others, joining with others, witnessing to others, and empowering others to do this work with us.

All: **We are ready to be bold. We are ready to invite others. We are ready to build something that is about more than this moment.**

One: We come to worship, eager to be a part of a movement, ready to bring others alongside us, trusting that God is present, sustaining us in our work.

All: **May this time of worship empower us to make change. May we be changed by the worship we share.**

*HYMN #578 UMH “God of Love and God of Power” vs. 1-2, 4

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Sustaining God, there is suffering, fear, and isolation all around us, yet we remain blind to the needs of others. You have revealed to us the power of forgiveness, generosity, community, and grace; yet we are blind to the ways that make for peace. You have shown us that the Spirit is poured out on all; yet we are blind to the divisions we build. You told us that the old will dream dreams and the young will see vision; yet we are blind to our creative energy when we gather. You have given us a Church and a mission to find co-harvesters; yet we are blind to gifts of those who surround us, and the need to invite others to the field. Open our eyes that we may see. Open our eyes that we may follow you on the Way.

Pause for silent confession and reflection

One: Hear the good news: the Spirit is poured out on all people. When we recognize and embrace this truth, we can be made new.

All: **We are forgiven, freed, and empowered by Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen**

*PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER SONG #369 UMH “Blessed Assurance” vs. 1

PASTORAL PRAYER

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Holy One, Help us to hear the what you are doing in this Gospel story. May your Spirit empower us to rise up from the side of the road, and join you on the Way. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Mark 10:46-52 (CEB)

MUSICAL OFFERING Mark Swessinger, baritone & Tamara Baugh, soprano
“Gonna Be A Great Day” - arr. JP Williams & JM Martin

LECTIO DIVINA Mark 6:30-44 (CEB)

SERMON “Change making is about empowering others” by Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

HOLY COMMUNION AND LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO CHANGE MAKING

*OFFERTORY “Let Us Be Makers” - See Screens
to the tune of #369 “Blessed Assurance”
(All are invited to place your offering and the detached part of the bulletin in the offering basin at the front as we sing)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: We thank you God, for the blessed assurance of your steadfast love. While we are often paralyzed by fear or the overwhelming weight of it all, your love can free us. Thank you for the gifts that we share in this church and for the change you are calling us to make. Help us to articulate a vision for our community and a mission for our congregation. Continue to speak words of compassion, creativity, collaboration, and empowerment so that we, like Jesus, can make change in this world. Amen

DOXOLOGY to the tune of #369, “Blessed Assurance”
Praise to the Maker, the One who gives breath
Praise to Christ Jesus, who reigns over death.
Praise to the Spirit, our strength, and our friend.
Three-in-One present, world without end.

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE “Postlude in C” - Michael Thomas

**=please rise if you are able*
UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (red book) FWS = Faith We Sing (black book).
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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK
October 5, 2025

Your Name_____

Prayers for our Church and its ministry:

Prayers for people I know:

☐ I have permission to publish this prayer.

☐ I do not have permission to publish this prayer.

Prayers for the community/world:

Prayers for myself:

