

Name _____

- ☐ First time guest
- ☐ Returning guest
- ☐ Interested in baptism or membership
- ☐ Member

New Contact Information

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Ways to Serve

HANGING OF THE GREENS NOV 23

- ☐ Come on Saturday, November 22 at 10am to prepare for Hanging of the Greens, setting up most of the decorations.
- ☐ **Bring a soup to share on November 23 after worship.**

OUTREACH

- ☐ Donate food and/or funds to Two Rivers Meal Site, Operation Safety Net and Little Free Pantry ministries.
- ☐ Volunteer on Saturdays at Meal Site, set up, serving, cleanup, or all of the above.

WORSHIP

- ☐ **Liturgist** – Assist Pastor with readings and communion during worship.
- ☐ **Video** - Work the camera in balcony to improve YouTube video
- ☐ **4th Sunday Ushers** —Open the church for Sunday worship and make coffee. Take offerings in bank bag to bank depository.



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 November 16, 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.

Change Makers Team Meeting Today at 11:30 a.m., those who are a part of the ChangeMakers Team will meet for lunch in Epworth Hall. We will get to know each other and go over some more details and goals of the group. We will discuss what needs to be accomplished before our retreat on January 24. Pastor Robb will provide the lunch.

Making Sense of the Bible Class Nov. 18 @ 6pm The ‘Making Sense of the Bible’ class will meet in the Asbury Parlor this Tuesday at 6pm. All are invited to attend.

Poinsettia Orders All Poinsettia orders are due by Thursday, November 20.

Trans Remembrance Day November 20 is National Transgender Day of Remembrance. We will host a time of prayer, mourning, and repentance at Church of Peace UCC at 7:00 p.m.

Guest Wifi



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23rd Sunday after Pentecost, November 16, 2025

Psalm 36

*I desire to follow your way, O Lord, my God;
continue your steadfast love to me.*

One: I know the sinful utterance of the wicked:

All: No fear of God confronts their own eyes, because in their own eyes they are slick with talk about their guilt ever being found out and despised.

One: The words of their mouths are evil and dishonest.

All: They have stopped being wise and stopped doing good. They plot evil even while resting in bed! They commit themselves to a path that is no good. They don't reject what is evil. R

One: But your loyal love, LORD, extends to the skies; your faithfulness reaches the clouds.

All: Your righteousness is like the strongest mountains; your justice is like the deepest sea. LORD, you save both humans and animals

One: Your faithful love is priceless, God! Humanity finds refuge in the shadow of your wings.

All: They feast on the bounty of your house; you let them drink from your river of pure joy. Within you is the spring of life. In your light, we see light. R

One: Extend your faithful love to those who know you; extend your righteousness to those whose heart is right.

All: Don't let the feet of arrogant people walk all over me; don't let the hands of the wicked drive me off.

One: Look—right there is where the evildoers have fallen,

All: Pushed down, unable to get up! R

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE *Meditation on “How Great Thou Art” -J. Carter*

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, people of God, lift your eyes to the light,
All: **The Immortal, invisible, God only wise.**
One: Clothed in pure glory, beyond human sight,
All: **Yet present in mercy and love never dies.**
One: Majestic in power, yet gentle and near,
All: **We gather to worship with joy, love and cheer.**
One: All creation praises the God of splendor and awe,
All: **To Christ eternal we are drawn, who abides with us all.**

***HYMN #103 UMH “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” vs. 1, 3-4**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Psalm 31)**

All: I take refuge in you, LORD. Please never let me be put to shame.
Rescue me by your righteousness. Listen close to me. Deliver me quickly. Be a rock that protects me, a strong fortress that saves me. Guide me and lead me for the sake of your good name. Get me out of this net that has been set for me. Be my protective fortress. My life is consumed with groaning. Strength fails me because of my suffering. Have mercy on me, LORD. I entrust my spirit into your hands.

Pause for silent confession and reflection

One: Hear the good news: God has revealed God’s faithful love to us. The LORD protects those who are faithful. We who wait on the LORD will be delivered.
All: **We are forgiven and strengthened by Jesus Christ, our solid rock and firm foundation. Amen**

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER SONG #2164 FWS “Sanctuary”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER
Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be don on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING Esther Shy, Soloist

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Holy Spirit, as we read and sing these words of life, make them be for us a lamp before our feet and a light unto our path. Amen.

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SERMON “Praise Psalms: Faithful love” – Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #140 “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***OFFERTORY #87 UMH “What Gift Can We Bring”**
All are invited to place your offering and the detached part of the bulletin in the offering basin at the front as we sing

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (based on Psalm 36)**
One: We come before God, aware of the brokenness of the world and the pride that binds the hearts of the wicked.
All: **They are so blinded by their lies that they do not even realize they are lying anymore.**
One: But your loyal love, LORD, extends to the skies. Your faithfulness reaches the clouds.
All: **Your righteousness is like the strongest mountains; your justice like the deepest sea.**
One: The praise we bring is more than songs and flattery. We offer our gifts, our work, our time, and our strength to honor you.
All: **You let us feast at your bounty. You let us drink from the river of joy.**
One: We worship you because we know you are righteous. We praise you because you are just.
All: **Don’t let injustice go unchecked. Do not let the wicked flourish. Deliver us from evil and free us for faithful love. Amen**

DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

***BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

POSTLUDE “True-hearted, Whole -hearted” - G. C. Stebbins

**=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
November 16, 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:

