

Name _____

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

New Contact Information

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Ways to Serve

OUTREACH

- Donate coats, gloves, hats and boots or monetary funds to our Winter Wear Ministry. Write "Coat Drive" on the memo line of your check or on your envelope.
- Donate monetary funds to our Hygiene Bag ministry. Write "Hygiene" on the memo line of your check or on your envelope.
- 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.
- Donate snacks for kids Sunday school class (goldfish crackers, fruit snacks, pretzels, etc.)

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.



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

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 May 3, 2026

Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am Asbury Parlor

Kids & Youth Sunday School - 10:45 am 3rd floor

Adult Sunday School - 10:45 am 1st floor

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.

ChangeMakers The ChangeMakers Team is set to meet on Saturday afternoons in May. Most will be at 1:00 p.m. We will be building on work done on the February meeting, which identified five core values. This will be the launching point to produce a new vision statement and mission statement. The next step will be to identify ministry areas based on the vision statement, and create some SMART goals for each ministry area. SMART goals are measurable and attainable. The core values identified in our first meeting are connection, justice, discipleship, empathy, and service. Members of the ChangeMakers Team are encouraged to bring some ideas about a vision statement that can incorporate these concepts.

Guest Wifi



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May 3, 2026 - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-15

Meanwhile, Saul was still spewing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest, seeking letters to the synagogues in Damascus. If he found persons who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, these letters would authorize him to take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. During the journey, as he approached Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven encircled him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice asking him, "Saul, Saul, why are you harassing me?"

Saul asked, "Who are you, Lord?"

"I am Jesus, whom you are harassing," came the reply. "Now get up and enter the city. You will be told what you must do."

Those traveling with him stood there speechless; they heard the voice but saw no one. After they picked Saul up from the ground, he opened his eyes but he couldn't see. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind and neither ate nor drank anything.

In Damascus there was a certain disciple named Ananias. The Lord spoke to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

He answered, "Yes, Lord."

The Lord instructed him, "Go to Judas' house on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias enter and put his hands on him to restore his sight."

Ananias countered, "Lord, I have heard many reports about this man. People say he has done horrible things to your holy people in Jerusalem. He's here with authority from the chief priests to arrest everyone who calls on your name."

The Lord replied, "Go! This man is the agent I have chosen to carry my name before Gentiles, kings, and Israelites."

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE "We Gather Together" - John Carter

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, people of God, and hear the call of the Lord!

All: We come, ready to listen and follow.

One: Saul was on the road to Damascus when a great light surrounded him.

All: The Lord still shines His light to transform lives today!

One: Then let us worship the Lord, who changes hearts and leads us in the Way

All: We praise you, Lord, for your amazing grace. Amen.

*HYMN #308 UMH "Thine Be the Glory"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy God, at Creation you gave us light and life,

All: **But we choose death and separate ourselves from you.**

One: You called Abraham to be the Father of a great nation

All: **Even while we obey the call, we cannot trust fully.**

One: You delivered the people out of slavery in Egypt

All: **But we lose hope in times of Wilderness, and turn to idols made of gold**

One: You gave the people a King that they required

All: **But we abuse our power and exploit the weak.**

One: You called the prophets to bring the people back to justice

All: **But we ignore the prophets and pursue unjust paths.**

One: You so loved the world that you gave us your only Son, so that we may be saved by grace.

All: **But he is rejected and despised.**

One: Christ revealed your love by feeding the hungry, healing the sick, welcoming the stranger, and speaking truth to religious and empire power.

All: **And he was crucified by fear and the wickedness of humanity.**

Pause for silent confession and reflection

One: Fear not. I know that you expected Jesus crucified, but he is risen. Go and tell.

All: **So we have been raised with Christ. We seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Amen. (Colossians 3:1)**

*PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER SONG #2056 FWS "God is So Good"

PASTORAL PRAYER

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

MUSICAL OFFERING "Just As I Am, I Come" - by Mary MacDonald,
sung by Jon Hansen & Charles Cooley

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **Risen Christ open our hearts to your living Word that we encounter in this reading. By your Spirit, let resurrection light guide our understanding. Amen**

SCRIPTURE Acts 9:1-15 (Common English Bible)

SERMON *Called: We Are Called to follow* - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

HOLY COMMUNION AND LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*OFFERTORY #593 UMH "Here I Am, Lord" (v. 1-2)

All are invited to place your offering and the detached part of the bulletin in the offering basin at the front as we sing

TUMAINI CHOIR

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, we give you thanks for leading us to this moment of worship and praise. Whether this marks the first miraculous step on a new journey with new vision, or another step on a journey of faith that started long ago, do not let us wait for a lightning flash. We know that you transformed Saul with more than a flash of light. Peel the scales from our eyes now. Help us to see the path that you laid out for us.

We bring you these gifts so that you may use them now. We share our service, creativity, ideas, and resources because they were all first given by you. Empower us, as you first led Saul, to follow you. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "Postlude" - Francois Couperin

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

May 3, 2026

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:

**=please rise if you are able*

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (red book) FWS = Faith We Sing (black book).

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