

Name _____

☐ First time guest

☐ Returning guest

☐ Interested in baptism or membership

☐ Member

New Contact Information

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Rally Day Topics

At the Rally Day brunch we will be talking about different ideas for continuing education - Sunday school for adults, children, and other ministry opportunities. What are some ideas for Christian formation that would interest you?

- ☐ Traditional adult education
- ☐ Post-sermon discussion group
- ☐ Parents-specific small group
- ☐ Family Sunday school (parents and youth in same discussion)
- ☐ Intergenerational education and mission projects.
- ☐ Multicultural learning with translation devices



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 September 13, 2026

Swahili Sunday School - 10:45 am Asbury Parlor
Kids & Youth Sunday School - 10:45 am Nursery

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.

RALLY DAY next Sunday! Rally Day will be held on Sunday September 20 as we celebrate the start of a new season of learning and ministry at Two Rivers. We will be launching a new sermon series that explores our newly created Vision and Mission statement. It will be a joyful morning as we welcome our choir back into worship after the summer break. After worship we will gather for an all church celebration in Epworth Hall. Everyone is invited to join us downstairs for a shared brunch. Rally Day is more than a meal. It is our chance to reconnect meet new people and learn about the ministries that will shape our life together this fall. During the brunch we will offer short presentations about new member classes, children's choir, Sunday school classes, adult studies, and other ministry opportunities. Leaders will share what is planned and how you can get involved. Whether you are new to Two Rivers or have been here for years this is a great chance to discover something new and find a place to grow in faith and service.

QCUMC Youth Gathering Sunday, September 20th from 2-4pm at Camp Milan, Milan IL
All Middle and High School aged youth are invited to this Youth Gathering for all of the United Methodist churches in the Quad Cities area. We'll play games, eat Ice cream, and discuss the future of the QC Youth Gathering.

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September 13, 2026
The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Isaiah 58:6-12

Isn't this the fast I choose:
releasing wicked restraints, untying the ropes of a yoke, setting free the mistreated, and breaking every yoke?
Isn't it sharing your bread with the hungry and bringing the homeless poor into your house, covering the naked when you see them, and not hiding from your own family?
Then your light will break out like the dawn, and you will be healed quickly.
Your own righteousness will walk before you, and the Lord's glory will be your rear guard.
Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and God will say, "I'm here."
If you remove the yoke from among you, the finger-pointing, the wicked speech; if you open your heart to the hungry, and provide abundantly for those who are afflicted, your light will shine in the darkness, and your gloom will be like the noon.
The Lord will guide you continually and provide for you, even in parched places. He will rescue your bones.
You will be like a watered garden, like a spring of water that won't run dry.
They will rebuild ancient ruins on your account; the foundations of generations past you will restore.
You will be called Mender of Broken Walls, Restorer of Livable Streets.

Isaiah 61:1-4

The Lord God's spirit is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim release for captives, and liberation for prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and a day of vindication for our God, to comfort all who mourn, to provide for Zion's mourners, to give them a crown in place of ashes, oil of joy in place of mourning, a mantle of praise in place of discouragement.
They will be called Oaks of Righteousness, planted by the Lord to glorify himself.
They will rebuild the ancient ruins; they will restore formerly deserted places; they will renew ruined cities, places deserted in generations past.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE “Gather Us In” - Marty Haugen/arr. Jeanne Cotter

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Isaiah 65:17-18, 25)

One: Now at the end of the drama, we sing one last song of triumph. There is one rousing send-off as the wicked have been vanquished and justice has been served.

All: **“Look! I’m creating a new heaven and a new earth: past events won’t be remembered; they won’t come to mind.**

One: The stone that was once rejected has become the cornerstone. The rejected one who was ostracized is now the hero. The people rejoice as a new future is now possible and they sing the rousing finale.

All: **“Be glad and rejoice forever in what I’m creating, because I’m creating Jerusalem as a joy and her people as a source of gladness.”**

One: And so the curtain falls as a simple act of courage has inspired the people. They believe that friendship makes life worth living. They sing that kindness is the rock upon which our World should be built.

All: **Wolf and lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but the snake - its food will be dust. They won’t hurt or destroy at any place on my holy mountain, says the LORD.”**

***HYMN #560 UMH “Help Us Accept Each Other” vs. 1, 3, & 4**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All: The Prophet Isaiah makes it clear that we have fallen short of God’s call upon our lives. Our leaders lack the will to do what is right. The powerful care only about profit, do not act justly, and use their influence to extract more power. The people suffer and turn to idols for distraction and a false sense of security. Forgive us for our complicit obedience in this unjust world. Help us to listen to the artists and the poets who tell stories of hope and sing songs of liberation. Send your Spirit of grace upon us. Sanctify this time of worship so that we may be transformed. Forgive us and prepare us for an eternal, meaningful, and grace-filled life.

Pause for silent confession and reflection

One: Thus says the Lord: “Though your sins are like scarlet, they will be white as snow.... All who change their lives will be redeemed.” In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER SONG #2193 FWS “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Holy Spirit, speak through the Prophet Isaiah that your light may break upon us. Open our hearts to hear your promise of justice, mercy, and a world made new. Amen

SCRIPTURE - Isaiah 58:6-12 & 61:1-4 (CEB)

SERMON *The Prophet of Liberation: Quasimoto* - Rev. Robb McCoy

MUSICAL OFFERING "God Help the Outcasts" *from The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, sung by Olinda Gunther

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #533 “We Shall Overcome” vs. 1, 2, & 4

***OFFERTORY #2236 FWS “Gather Us In” (vs. 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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

All: God of Justice and Compassion, we thank you for the Prophet Isaiah whose words help make a way in the wilderness. We thank you for stories and songs that enliven your gospel, and for the prophetic imagination of artists who help us see your Kingdom.

We thank you for prophets who cry out for kindness, who remind us that your promise still holds: that the outcast is lifted, the broken are gathered, and a new community is born from what once seemed ruined. We thank you that, as Isaiah foretold, joy can rise from ashes and your house can be rebuilt with room enough for all. And so,

We offer you this gift as a sign of thanks for the stories that empower, the songs that inspire, and for the good news that is offered to all. Use this gift to strengthen this house of God. Someday justice and kindness will be the way of the world as it is in heaven. Let it be today. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY #94 UMH**

***BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

POSTLUDE “Postlude” - Francois Couperin

**=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 September 13, 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:
