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

### New Contact Information

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### I want to learn more about

#### Connection ministries

- ☐ Translation Device Host
- ☐ Ushering
- ☐ Respite Care with UM Connection

#### Service ministries

- ☐ Community meal
- ☐ Operation Safety Net
- ☐ Respite Care with UM Connection

#### Discipleship ministries

- ☐ Adult Education
- ☐ Sunday school volunteer
- ☐ Lay Servant Ministries

#### Worship

- ☐ Liturgist
- ☐ Ushering
- ☐ Worship design (table decor)

#### Administration

- ☐ ChangeMakers Goal Setting
- ☐ Church Committees
- ☐ Office help



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 October 4, 2026

**Adult Sunday School -10:45 am 1st floor classroom**

**Swahili Sunday School - 10:45 am Asbury Parlor 2nd Floor**

**Kids & Youth Choir and Sunday School - 10:30 am 3rd floor classrooms**

**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 is Today** Special offerings on this day support students of color in pursuing education and transforming communities. Half of the funds provide World Communion scholarships for students in the U.S. and around the world, while the rest supports leadership development that fosters global inclusion, diversity, equity, and access. Please look for the special offering envelope in your worship bulletin. Thank you in advance for your gifts to this special offering.

**Adult Sunday School Fall Study** Starting today the Adult Sunday School class will commence a study of Adam Hamilton's "Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White: Thoughts on Religion, Morality, and Politics". Today's topic of discussion will be on Christ, Christians, and the Culture Wars. All are welcome to join this thought provoking study.

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**October 4, 2026**

The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**Luke 5:27-39**

Afterward, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at a kiosk for collecting taxes. Jesus said to him, "Follow me."

Levi got up, left everything behind, and followed him. Then Levi threw a great banquet for Jesus in his home. A large number of tax collectors and others sat down to eat with them. The Pharisees and their legal experts grumbled against his disciples. They said, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

Jesus answered, "Healthy people don't need a doctor, but sick people do. I didn't come to call righteous people but sinners to change their hearts and lives."

Some people said to Jesus, "The disciples of John fast often and pray frequently. The disciples of the Pharisees do the same, but your disciples are always eating and drinking."

Jesus replied, "You can't make the wedding guests fast while the groom is with them, can you? The days will come when the groom will be taken from them, and then they will fast."

Then he told them a parable. "No one tears a patch from a new garment to patch an old garment. Otherwise, the new garment would be ruined, and the new patch wouldn't match the old garment. Nobody pours new wine into old wineskins. If they did, the new wine would burst the wineskins, the wine would spill, and the wineskins would be ruined. Instead, new wine must be put into new wineskins. No one who drinks a well-aged wine wants new wine, but says, 'The well-aged wine is better.'

# GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE “Let Us Break Bread Together” - John Carter

GREETING

\*OPENING REFRAIN #2274 FWS “Come, All You People” (repeat)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come all you people to praise your maker.  
All: We are ready to worship. We are ready to be renewed.  
One: Come, for Christ has given us a song to sing.  
All: We are blessed to be bound together in Christian love.  
One: Together we pour out our prayers and hopes. Together we walk in mission.  
All: We are blessed with friendship, kindred values, and fellowship in each other.  
One: Together we bear each other’s burdens and share our mutual woes.  
All: We are connected in loving-kindness, blessed to be united by the ties that bind, and so we sing.

\*HYMN #557 UMH “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” vs. 1-3

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy and Gracious God, we confess to you that we have not done what you require. You brought us out of oppression and into freedom. You led us through Wilderness and into fertile land. You sent leaders to guide us and your Son to redeem us. And yet have forgotten. We know what you require - a contrite heart, an honest assessment, and a sincere desire to do better. In this time of silence, speak to us as we listen for your verdict.

*Pause for silent confession and reflection*

One: Hear the Good News. Jesus came to us while we were yet sinners and calls us all to reconciliation and peace. 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 #2128 FWS “Come and Find the Quiet Center” vs. 1

PASTORAL PRAYER

# PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen

SCRIPTURE - Luke 5:27-39 (CEB)

SERMON *Connect: Radical Inclusion* - Rev. Robb McCoy

# RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

ANTHEM "We Gather at Your Table, Lord” (Ehret) – Sanctuary Choir

COMMUNION AND LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

\*OFFERTORY #2243 FWS “We All Are One In Mission” vs. 1-3  
*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: Holy God, you call us as you called Levi the tax collector. You draw us into community not because we are righteous, but because your love makes room for all. At your Table we learn again what it means to be gathered in mercy, welcomed in kindness, and bound together in grace. We offer these gifts in thanksgiving and joy. As we rise from your banquet, fill us with the hope of the new things you are doing among us. Shape us for loving -kindness, pour us into new wineskins, and pour out your love through us to all who may hear your call. Amen.

\*DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

\*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL (sung refrain from UMH 772)

Call: We are planted by the ever-flowing streams of God’s justice and compassion.  
Sing: Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.  
Call: Our vision is to be the church that helps bring new life, reconciliation, and peace.  
Sing: Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.  
Call: We are called to serve others through mercy, advocacy, and community care.  
Sing: Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.  
Call: We are called to connect with one another in loving-kindness, empathy, and inclusive belonging.  
Sing: Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.  
Call: We are called to walk together in Christian discipleship as we grow in faith.  
Spoken: With God’s help we serve with justice. We connect with loving kindness. We grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen

POSTLUDE “Fanfare” - G.F. Handel

*\*=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 4, 2026

Your Name\_\_\_\_\_

Prayers for our Church and its ministry:  
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Prayers for people I know:  
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☐ I do not have permission to publish this prayer.

Prayers for the community/world:  
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Prayers for myself:  
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