



Galatians 3:26-29 (CEB)

You are all God’s children through faith in Christ Jesus. All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free; nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Now if you belong to Christ, then indeed you are Abraham’s descendants, heirs according to the promise.

Genesis 1:26-27 (CEB)

Then God said, “Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth.”

God created humanity in God’s own image,
in the divine image God created them,
male and female God created them.

Philippians 2:3-8 (CEB)

Don’t do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves. Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others. Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:

Though he was in the form of God,
he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.
But he emptied himself
by taking the form of a slave
and by becoming like human beings.
When he found himself in the form of a human,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

Welcome Statement



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.

RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

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 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 June 30, 2024

Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am in the Swahili Class Room

Discipleship Schedule Monday Bible Study meets every Monday in Epworth Hall at noon. 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.

Three Summer Youth Events: August 10 will be Fusion Fest at the Riverside UMC Life Center in Moline. September 8 is Youth Rally at Camp Milan. More details to come.

Beloved Community Session #4 These sessions are an important opportunity to join a movement for positive change in our community. People from three churches are participating in this groundbreaking program. Two Rivers UMC, The House, and Riverside UMC come together for frank discussions and powerful learning. The workshops take place from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Mondays. This week’s session is located here at Two Rivers in the back of the sanctuary.

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Assistant Greeter
6/30	Donna Burroughs	Jerry Etzel, Kala & Dick Lee	
7/7	Shari Cole	David Dehnel & Sandy Canik	
7/14		Jerry Etzel, Roger Pohlman, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	

Network: Two Rivers Sanctuary
Password: TwoRivers2013
www.TwoRiversUMC.org



Donation QR Code

NAME: _____

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

New Contact Information:

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Opportunities to serve

Searching for interest in fellowship:

- I can serve on the planning team for Fusion Fest and/or our Youth Rally at Camp Milan.

Two Rivers Outreach Ministry opportunities:

- Donate household items to Operation Safety Net. (pots, pans, dishes, etc.)
- Donate Grocery Bags to our Saturday Meal Site & Operation Safety Net.
- Donate non-perishable food and hygiene products to our Little Free Pantry.

Worship team opportunities to serve:

- Liturgist** – Assist Pastor with readings and communion during worship.
- Greeter**– Greet people at the West parking lot.
- 2nd & 4th Sunday Ushers**—Open the church for Sunday worship and make coffee. Take offerings in bank bag to bank depository. *(Must be a member of the church in good standing for at least 6 months.)*

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE "Rocket Man" - Elton John

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Personal and Social holiness are the twin foundations of Methodism. Holiness happens in community, and we recognize the ways we can work with God to move us onward toward perfection.

All: **We recognize the need to worship in community. We come to be made new and be strengthened in our faith.**

One: Today we recognize our Social Community and affirm the sacred worth of all people.

All: **The church is called to be a distinctive community, marked by proclaiming the Gospel, studying the Bible, breaking bread, and witnessing to the power of redemption in Christ.**

*HYMN #158 UMH "Come Christians Join to Sing"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: O merciful God, you have created us to be social creatures. We are connected to one another. Forgive us for forgetting that. Deliver us from the evils of exploitation, abuse, addiction, and shame. Forgive us for the ways we have alienated, scapegoated, and demonized others. Grant us the courage to mend the wounds we have inflicted on others. Unbind us from the shackles of oppression that we both wear and place on others. Free us for joyful obedience, that we may come together as one people united by your grace.

(Pause of silent confession and prayer)

One: Hear the good news, God pardons those who humbly repent and believe the gospel. 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 HYMN #171 UMH "There's Something About That Name"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **Holy Spirit, open our hearts to the story of your love. Open our minds to new ways of knowing you. Open our doors to all whom you would welcome. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Gal 3:26-29, Gen. 1:26-27, Phil 2:3-8 (CEB)

SERMON "Social Community" - Kelsey Ross

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #557 UMH "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN #733 UMH "Marching to Zion" vs. 1,2,4

(All are invited to place your offering and the detached part of the bulletin in the offering container at the front of the sanctuary as we sing)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH adapted from the Revised Social Principles

We affirm that human beings are made for God and for one another. We celebrate the diversity of our human family and respond to God's call in the world through acts of mercy and justice.

We affirm that all creation belongs to God and is a manifestation of God's goodness. Humans, nonhuman animals, plants, and other forms of life are a part of a web of community that depends on each other. We affirm our sacred call to be good stewards of all that has been entrusted to us.

We profess that all we are and all that we possess, belongs to God. We are temporary stewards of resources and material goods that should be used to serve God and our neighbor. We recognize economic challenges of scarcity, but pledge to live into a Kingdom of God where all are cared for and all have enough.

We affirm that our involvement in political systems is rooted in the Gospel imperative to love our neighbor, to do justice, and to care for the vulnerable. Our political action is to be aimed at a common good and not a pursuit of power.

I believe that the Triune God is a God that is community, and that God created humanity to be in community. We are called to be holy, and are made holy through the saving work of Christ and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "Someone Saved My Life Tonight" - Elton John

* You are invited to stand as you are able.
Words of anthem/hymn reprinted under CCLI License

June 30, 2024



PRAYER MINISTRY

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 share this prayer.

Prayers for the community/world:

Prayers for myself:

