



Amos 5:7-13 (CEB)

Doom to you who turn justice into poison,
 and throw righteousness to the ground!
 The one who made the Pleiades and Orion,
 and turns deep darkness into the morning,
 and darkens the day into night;
 who summons the waters of the sea,
 and pours them out on the surface of the earth—
 this one’s name is the Lord—
 who causes destruction to flash out against the strong,
 so that destruction comes upon the fortress.
 They hate the one who judges at the city gate,
 and they reject the one who speaks the truth.
 Truly, because you crush the weak,
 and because you tax their grain,
 you have built houses of carved stone,
 but you won’t live in them;
 you have planted pleasant vineyards,
 but you won’t drink their wine.
 I know how many are your crimes,
 and how numerous are your sins—
 afflicting the righteous,
 taking money on the side,
 turning away the poor who seek help.
 Therefore, the one who is wise will keep silent in that time;
 it is an evil time.

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.

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 July 14, 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.

Two Rivers Readers The Two Rivers Readers will meet tomorrow, July 15 at 10:00 a.m. in the back of the sanctuary to discuss our next book, *Evicted* by Matthew Desmond. Set in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Matthew Desmond tells the story of eight families and their experiences with eviction and poverty. The families are diverse in race, age, and gender, yet all struggle with rent payments, which consume the majority of their already meager income. All are encouraged to join in the conversation.

Two 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.

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Assistant Greeter
7/14	David Dehnel	Jerry Etzel, Roger Pohlman, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	
7/21	Kala Lee	Dick & Kala Lee, Brianna & Kevin Pollock	
7/28	Worship At Schwiebert Park		

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- Member

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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 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.)*
- Tech Support** -Video recording, editing, sound board and /or slides. Get behind the scenes and help create a meaningful worship experience for those in the sanctuary and those watching from home.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE "Psalm 19" - Benedetto Marcello/Jack Schrader

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 that there are few themes more prominent in the Bible than wealth, poverty, and economic justice.

All: In order to "love our neighbor", we must stand in solidarity with "the least of these," including the poor, the orphan, the widow, the stranger, and all other vulnerable members of society. Amen.

*HYMN #435 UMH "O God of Every Nation" vs. 1, 2, 4

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of heaven and earth, all that we have belongs to you. We are stewards, entrusted with good things for the sole purpose of caring for one another. Forgive us for failing to trust in your plan. Forgive us for hoarding, exploiting, and allowing fear to motivate us. Forgive us for our apathy toward the plight of the poor, orphan, widow, and stranger. Empower us to trust in your bountiful goodness. Grant us the grace to navigate the complicated web of economic challenges that we face.

(Pause for 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 READING

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SERMON

"Economic Community" - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #433 "All Who Love and Serve Your City" vs. 1,2,3,5

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

"Blessed Assurance" - Arr. Laurie MacDonald

* You are invited to stand as you are able.
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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:

