




[John 6:51-58 \(CEB\)](#)

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Then the Jews debated among themselves, asking, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

Jesus said to them, “I assure you, unless you eat the flesh of the Human One and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in them. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me lives because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. It isn’t like the bread your ancestors ate, and then they died. Whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

**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 August 18, 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.

**Trivia Night Fundraiser for Seth Bikorimana** Come join us for a great night of trivia to help Seth Bikorimana raise money for a once in a lifetime 8th grade trip to Washington DC! Brianna and AJ Pollock will be hosting a Trivia Night at Two Rivers Church in downtown Rock Island (1820 5th Ave, Rock Island) on **Friday, August 23**. Doors will open at 5:00pm with Trivia starting at 6:00pm. We are looking for teams of 8 people. \$10 per person. Mulligans and Double Downs will be available for purchase. There will be baked goods and beverages for sale. You are also welcome to bring your own food and snacks if you wish. (Sorry, no alcohol please.) If you have any questions or would like to RSVP your table please contact Brianna Pollock at the church office (309-788-9384), or email: office@tworiversumc.org

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Assistant Greeter
8/18	David Martin	Dick & Kala Lee and Kevin & Brianna Pollock	
8/25	Tamara Baugh	Doug Stephens and Kevin &	
9/1	Donna Burroughs	Dave Dehnel & Candy Canik	

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- Returning guest
- Member
- Interested in membership or Baptism

**New Contact Information:**

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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**Opportunities to serve**

**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 "Gather Us In" -M. Haugen/arr. J. Cotter

### GREETING

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices. For the Word made flesh, who came to abide with us and invites us to abide with him,

**All: Now thank we all our God.**

One: For giving us the bread of life and sharing the gift of eternal life, a life that is full of depth, meaning, purpose, and love,

**All: Now thank we all our God.**

One: For providing bread in the wilderness, and for the incredible abundance that helps us thrive, and that we can share with the world,

**All: Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices.**

\*HYMN #102 UMH "Now Thank We All Our God"

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Upper Room Worship Book)

**All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will.**

*(Pause for silent confession and prayer)*

One: Hear the good news, Jesus came to love the world, not to condemn it. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are a forgiven people.

**All: We are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

#### \*PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER HYMN #599 UMH "Break Thou the Bread of Life" vs. 2

#### PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and glory forever. Amen.

## PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

MUSICAL OFFERING "Down In The Valley To Pray" - arr. J. Althouse  
Tamara Baugh, soloist

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**All: Sustaining God, nourish us with the bread of life that comes when the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING John 6:51-58 CEB)

SERMON "How can this man give us flesh?" - Rev. Robb McCoy

## RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONDED HYMN # 732 UMH "Come, We That Love the Lord"

#### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

\*HYMN #130 UMH "God Will Take Care of You" 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

One: When we are threatened by scarcity and feel the pain of hunger,

**All: We trust in Jesus who is the bread of life.**

One: When we search in the darkness, unable to find our way,

**All: We trust in Jesus who is the light of the world.**

One: When we are vulnerable and in need of protection,

**All: We trust in Jesus who is the gate for the sheep.**

One: When we are distracted by lies and tempted to wander off,

**All: We trust in Jesus the good shepherd, and know his voice.**

One: When we fear that death is the end, and all is lost,

**All: We trust in Jesus who is the resurrection and the life.**

One: When reality feels shattered, and truth is distorted by deception,

**All: We trust in Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life.**

One: When we are isolated and alone, cut off from community,

**All: We trust in Jesus, who is the true vine. Amen**

\*DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

#### \*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "Corro" - G.F. Handel

\* You are invited to stand as you are able.  
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### PRAYER MINISTRY

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Prayers for our Church and its ministry:

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Prayers for people I know:

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- I have permission to publish this prayer.  
 I do not have permission to share this prayer.

Prayers for the community/world:

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Prayers for myself:

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