




**Isaiah 11:6-9 (CEB)**

The wolf will live with the lamb,  
 and the leopard will lie down with the young goat;  
 the calf and the young lion will feed together,  
 and a little child will lead them.  
 The cow and the bear will graze.  
 Their young will lie down together,  
 and a lion will eat straw like an ox.  
 A nursing child will play over the snake's hole;  
 toddlers will reach right over the serpent's den.  
 They won't harm or destroy anywhere on my holy  
 mountain.  
 The earth will surely be filled with the knowledge of  
 the Lord,  
 just as the water covers the sea.

**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 September 15, 2024**

**Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am in the Swahili Class Room**  
**Adult Sunday School—10:45 am in Asbury Parlor**

**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.

**Adult Sunday School** Adult Sunday School will begin today in Asbury Parlor with a 6 week series, *Mountaintop Moments: Meeting God in the High Places* by Ed Robb.

**Rally Day/ Ministries Fair Today** After worship we will have a ministry fair, full of snacks, fellowship, and information. You can learn about the many ways you can get more involved in Two Rivers Church. There are many ways to serve, learn, and grow as a follower of Christ.

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Assistant Greeter
9/15	David Dehnel	Dick & Kala Lee and Kevin &	
9/22		Kevin & Brianna Pollock	
9/29		Kevin & Brianna Pollock	

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**New Contact Information:**

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

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



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## ENTRY OF THE LIGHT

PRELUDE “Make us Holy, Make us Whole” - M. Friedman/arr. J. Vogt

### INTRODUCTION

\* HYMN #273 UMH “Jesus’ Hands Were Kind Hands” v. 1

### \* ENTRY OF THE LIGHT

One: Reconciling God, we ask you to help us to be open to compassion, for we are a divided world.

**All: The conflict is waging even within us in this moment. Even as we worship, we may feel angry or frustrated.**

One: Empower us, and invite us to “do unto ourselves and others” in ways that build up your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

**All: We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Center that Holds, and the power of the Spirit That Transforms. Amen**

\* HYMN #273 UMH “Jesus’ Hands Were Kind Hands” v. 2

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God of light and darkness, you are as present in the shadow as you are in the warmth of the sun. Illuminate the shadowy places of our heart, where winning is more important than what is right; where arguments and outrage are quick to rise; where silos and conformity are comfortable. Reveal to us a pathway of kindness, where reconciliation is possible and new life is born from the darkest tomb.**

*(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 ACROSS THE DIVIDE

\* HYMN #369 UMH “Blessed Assurance”

## SHINING THE LIGHT

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**All: Gracious God, your Word is a lamp unto our feet and light for our path. As we open the scriptures today, illuminate the path of grace, hospitality, kindness, and love so that we may walk humbly with you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:6-9 (CEB)

### SERMON

“Compassion” - Rev. Robb McCoy

### HYMN #560 UMH

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

## SPREADING THE LIGHT

### PRAYER FOR KINDNESS

#### ANTHEM

“Let Us Love One Another” - Sherman  
*Two Rivers Sanctuary Choir*

### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

\* HYMN #557 UMH “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” vs. 1, 2, 4  
*(All are invited to place your offering and the detached part of the bulletin in the offering basin at the front of the sanctuary as we sing)*

### \* UNISON CALL TO ACTION

**Actions create ripples of reactions. We move into the world praying that our worship will create actions of kindness that extend far beyond our knowing. We wonder what can happen when we turn up the volume of kindness and treat others as we would hope to be treated. Let us Do Unto Others with an understanding that lasts far beyond this moment. Let us continue into the unknown future with hope that we can survive, even thrive together—no matter the outcomes of a divided world. Let us sing these words, “Praise God from whom all blessings flow” knowing that the blessings that flow from kindness can ripple forth from here, spreading healing to all in this land.**

### \* DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

### \* BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

May the Holy One show you the way  
to Do Unto Others with Compassion.

May the Christ whose Light is the Center of All-That-Is  
ground you in the assurance that no one is outside of love.

May the Spirit show forth through you  
in extraordinary acts you never imagined you had the power to achieve.

And may you know the peace that surpasses all understanding,  
especially when it is difficult to understand.

And the people said, “Amen!”

### POSTLUDE

“The Heavens are Telling” - J. Haydn



## PRAYERS FOR 9/15/2024

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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