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**Upcoming Events**

September 28 at 2:30 p.m.—Bishop’s Installation at Calvary UMC in Normal, Illinois.

October 26 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at Port Byron UMC — “Braver Angels” Workshop. This is a workshop designed to help us disagree better.

November 3 at Riverside UMC — Meal Kit Building mission project and fair. Methodist churches from the area will gather for his project.

November 8-9 — Youth Retreat at Camp Milan

**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**
- Youth Sunday School—10:45 am Epworth Hall**

**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.

**Youth Sunday School starts this week** Pastor Robb and Sarah will lead our first week of the Sunday school. We will use curriculum from our Campaign for Kindness that follows our current sermon series. In week one we will make a beautiful paper-weaving art project.

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Assistant Greeter
9/22	Judy Smiley	Kevin & Brianna Pollock	
9/29	Shari Cole		
10/6		Candy Canik & David Dehnel	

**Ephesians 4:1-6 (CEB)**

Therefore, as a prisoner for the Lord, I encourage you to live as people worthy of the call you received from God. Conduct yourselves with all humility, gentleness, and patience. Accept each other with love, and make an effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the peace that ties you together. You are one body and one spirit, just as God also called you in one hope. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all, who is over all, through all, and in all.

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## ENTRY OF THE LIGHT

PRELUDE "Triumphal March" - Jean Philipe Ramen

### INTRODUCTION

\* HMYN #273 UMH "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands" v. 1

### \* ENTRY OF THE LIGHT

One: Creator God, we ask you to come close and remind us that we are all beloved children.

All: In the midst of this troubling season, we often feel distant from you and from each other.

One: Open our eyes to the beauty and pain we all contain, and help us to "do unto others" in ways that build up your kingdom.

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 humility, 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 #152 UMH "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

## 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 humility and love so that we may walk humbly with you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:1-6 (CEB)

SERMON "Listen More, Speak Less: Humility" - Rev. Robb McCoy

HYMN #382 UMH "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

## SPREADING THE LIGHT

### PRAYER FOR KINDNESS

ANTHEM "Lord Jesus, You Know Me" - Kaufman  
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 Humility.

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 "Praise Him, Praise Him" - Charity Boyles

\* You are invited to stand as you are able.  
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## PRAYERS FOR 9/22/2024

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.
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Prayers for the community/world:

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Prayers for myself:

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