



1 Corinthians 12:12-26 (CEB)

Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink. Certainly the body isn't one part but many. If the foot says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not a hand," does that mean it's not part of the body? If the ear says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not an eye," does that mean it's not part of the body? If the whole body were an eye, what would happen to the hearing? And if the whole body were an ear, what would happen to the sense of smell? But as it is, God has placed each one of the parts in the body just like he wanted. If all were one and the same body part, what would happen to the body? But as it is, there are many parts but one body. So the eye can't say to the hand, "I don't need you," or in turn, the head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." Instead, the parts of the body that people think are the weakest are the most necessary.

The parts of the body that we think are less honorable are the ones we honor the most. The private parts of our body that aren't presentable are the ones that are given the most dignity. The parts of our body that are presentable don't need this. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the part with less honor so that there won't be division in the body and so the parts might have mutual concern for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it.

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 29, 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.

Two Rivers Readers The Two Rivers Readers will meet tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m. in the back of the sanctuary to discuss our next book, Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus.

Next Sunday is World Communion Sunday World Communion Sunday offerings fund graduate racial-ethnic World Communion Scholarships. Donations also provide for undergraduate U.S. Ethnic Scholarship and Ethnic In-Service Training programs. Please look for the special offering envelope in your October 6 worship bulletin. Thank you in advance for your gifts to this special offering.

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Assistant Greeter
9/29	Shari Cole		
10/6	Charlotte Peterson	Candy Canik & David Dehnel	
10/13		Gerry Etzel, Roger Pohlman, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	

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Upcoming Events

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

ENTRY OF THE LIGHT

PRELUDE "Gather Us In" - arr. Jeanne Cotter

INTRODUCTION

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

* ENTRY OF THE LIGHT

One: God of all of us, we ask you to hover close, for we are a divided world.

All: We are not sure how to regard one another in this moment.

One: Remind us we are your beloved. Bind us and invite us to "do unto 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 respect, 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.

SEARCHING ACROSS THE DIVIDE

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

* HYMN #98 UMH "To God Be the Glory"

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

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-26 (CEB)

SERMON

Respect

- Rev. Robb McCoy

HYMN #2236 FWS (*Black Hymnal*)

"Gather Us In" vs. 1, 2 & 4

SPREADING THE LIGHT

PRAYER FOR RESPECT

ANTHEM

"The Gift to Be Simple"

- Wood

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 Respect.

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

"Immortal, Invisible"

- Gerald Peterson

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PRAYERS FOR 9/29/2024

YOUR NAME _____

Prayers for our Church and its ministry:

Prayers for people I know:

- I have permission to publish this prayer.
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Prayers for the community/world:

Prayers for myself:

