



Matthew 22:34-40 (CEB)

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they met together. One of them, a legal expert, tested him. “Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

He replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: You must love your neighbor as you love yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.”

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 October 6, 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.

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 worship bulletin. Thank you in advance for your gifts to this special offering.

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Assistant Greeter
10/6	Charlotte Peterson	Candy Canik & David Dehnel	
10/13		Gerry Etzel, Roger Pohlman, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	
10/20	David Martin	Dick & Kala Lee and Kevin & Brianna Pollock	

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Opportunities to serve

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I can help with:

- Trunks for Trunk or Treat at Earl Hanson. October 30 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Painting a Peanuts Banner for the next sermon series
- Stewardship Celebration on October 20, bringing in an brunch dish to share.

ENTRY OF THE LIGHT

PRELUDE “The Power of Your Love”- G. Bullock/arr. P. Bettcher
Two Rivers Handbell Choir

INTRODUCTION

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

* ENTRY OF THE LIGHT

One: Loving and hope-filled God, we ask you to stay close.

All: As we move into an unknown future. Wrap us in your love.

One: Invite us to “do unto others” in ways that buildup the 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 love, 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 #480 UMH “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

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 a path of love so that we may walk humbly with you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

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SERMON

“Love” - Rev. Robb McCoy

HOLY COMMUNION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

UMH #15

SPREADING THE LIGHT

PRAYER FOR LOVE

ANTHEM “My Song is Love Unknown” - Schalk
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

One: You are now sent from this place to work for God’s Kingdom:

All: While holding fast to the greatest commandment

One: You are sent to love God

All: With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength

One: You are sent to love neighbor

All: Who was created in the image of God

One: You are sent to love yourself

All: With the assurance that I am worthy of God’s love

One: Go in peace and with one accord we say, **Amen!**

POSTLUDE

“Air in D Minor” - Henry Purcell



PRAYERS FOR 10/6/2024

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:

