



Philippians 4:8-13

From now on, brothers and sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise. Practice these things: whatever you learned, received, heard, or saw in us. The God of peace will be with you.

I was very glad in the Lord because now at last you have shown concern for me again. (Of course you were always concerned but had no way to show it.) I'm not saying this because I need anything, for I have learned how to be content in any circumstance. I know the experience of being in need and of having more than enough; I have learned the secret to being content in any and every circumstance, whether full or hungry or whether having plenty or being poor. I can endure all these things through the power of the one who gives me strength.

Isaiah 40:30-31

Youths will become tired and weary, young men will certainly stumble; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength; they will fly up on wings like eagles; they will run and not be tired; they will walk and not be weary.

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.

RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

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 November 17, 2024

- International 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. **No Bible Study on November 18.** 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.

Hanging of the Greens This year we are having a special Hanging of the Greens worship celebration on November 24. In order to do this well, we need many volunteers who can either read or carry in items (chrismons, garland, candles, etc.). In order to make the service work smoothly, we will decorate on Saturday, November 23 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. and have a rehearsal for those participating in worship at 3:00 p.m.

| Date | Liturgist | Ushers | Assistant Greeter |
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| 11/17 | Muir Family | Dick & Kala Lee, Kevin & Brianna Pollock | |
| 11/24 | Pastor Robb | Kevin & Brianna Pollock | |
| 12/01 | Charlotte Peterson | David Dehnel & Candy Canik | |

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I can help with:

- Participate in the Hanging of the Greens special liturgy in worship. **Must be available on Saturday, 11/23 at 3:00 p.m. for a rehearsal.**
- Every 4th Sunday of the month Usher
- Intergenerational Sunday school during Advent

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE "Prelude in c major" - David N Johnson

INTRODUCTION

* HMYN (see screens) "I'll Be a Sunbeam"

* ENTRY OF THE LIGHT

One: Holy God, there is Good News to be found in the characters of The Peanuts.

All: Today we search for a deeper understanding of faith through the character of Snoopy. Though Charlie Brown sometimes wishes he had a "normal dog," we delight in Snoopy, the dreamer.

One: Snoopy is multifaceted and multitalented. He sees great visions and dreams great dreams. His dance is contagious and we revel in his joy.

All: Holy Spirit, help us to dream like Snoopy as we imagine a world of peace, joy, and uninhibited dancing. Amen

* HYMN (see screens) "I'll Be a Sunbeam"

* PRAYER OF LAMENTATION

All: God of the front page and the funnies, we come together to recognize our common struggle captured in the pages of both. We curse the kite-eating tree. We wonder if we will ever win a baseball game. We wait in vain for the Great Pumpkin, who never shows up. We get rocks for trick or treats. We lose the spelling bee. We think this time will be the time we will finally kick the football. We mumble "Good Grief." We shout "You block head!" Sometimes it feels like there is nothing in life but disappointment and loss. Help us to find our people and our path in the process, and give us a chuckle along the way.
(Pause for silent lamentation and prayer)

One: Prayers of lamentation can be a release. They are an expression of faith in the midst of trouble. Expressions of lament can take a load off of one's mind and bring peace to one's spirit.

All: Sound theology has a way of doing that. Amen.

* PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

* HYMN #66o UMH "God is Here"

* You are invited to stand as you are able.
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PROCLAMATION OF THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Gracious God, open our hearts and minds by the power of the Holy Spirit that, as we read the Scriptures and proclaim your Word, we may be transformed by the Good News. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Philippians 4:8-13 & Isaiah 40:30-31 (CEB)

SERMON Snoopy, The Dreamer - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE HYMN #617 UMH "I Come With Joy" vs. 1, 4, 5

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

PASTORIAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM "Happiness" (from You're a Good Man Charlie Brown)
Two Rivers Sanctuary Choir

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

* HYMN #463 UMH "Lord, Speak to Me" vs. 1, 3, 5
(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)

* IT'S AN AFFIRMATION OF COMMUNITY, CHARLIE BROWN!

All: O God, we are the *Peanuts*. We are frustrated seekers like Charlie. We are fierce, vulnerable, and sometimes cruel like Lucy. We are passionate and dedicated like Schroeder. We are philosophical and faithful like Linus. We are marginalized and embraced like Franklin, Patty, and Marcie, We are dreamers and dancers like Snoopy. We are complicated, messy, and full of curiosity and hope. Wrap us like a warm blanket in your love. Hold us together as we find happiness every day in Jesus. Together. Amen.

* DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

* BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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 grace and assurance that I am worthy of God's love

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

POSTLUDE "Rejoice and Be Glad" - William Barnet



PRAYERS FOR 11/17/2024

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:

