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

New Contact Information

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Opportunities to Serve

Volunteer opportunities:

- Help serve at Saturday meal site.
- Be a part of a team that will adopt a family from World Relief.

Worship volunteers:

- Liturgist** – Assist Pastor with readings and communion during worship.
- 2nd & 4th Sunday Ushers** —Open the church for Sunday worship and make coffee. Take offerings in bank bag to bank depository.
- Counters** - Monday mornings, help take account of Sunday offering (Must be a member of the church in good standing for at least 6 months.)



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

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 April 13, 2025

Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am in the Swahili Classroom

Adult Sunday School - 10:45 am in the Asbury Parlor

Youth/Kids Sunday School - 10:45 am in Fellowship 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.

3D Nights April 15 we will gather on Tuesday at 6:00 for dinner, then begin a documentary to watch together, with discussion afterwards. This week's film will be *Myanmar Diaries*, short films about life in Myanmar after the military junta.

Maundy Thursday Join us for a special Potluck Service on **April 17 at 5:30pm** in Two Rivers' Epworth Hall. . If you can, bring a dish to share for a wonderful dinner. Then after dinner we will remember Jesus' last supper, denial, betrayal, anguish, and arrest. The entire service will take place in Epworth Hall. This interactive service will combine elements of reading, music, and Communion.

Good Friday Service United Methodist Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai will be preaching at this multi-church service at Christ UMC in East Moline on **Friday, April 18 at 12:00 noon** . All are invited to attend this special service.

Easter Sunday Join us for a beautiful Easter morning worship service where we will celebration the risen Christ and share in Holy Communion. Afterwards, there will be an Easter egg hunt for the kids in Epworth Hall.

Online Giving



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April 13, 2025 – Palm Sunday

Luke 19:29-48

As Jesus came to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he gave two disciples a task. He said, “Go into the village over there. When you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say, ‘Its master needs it.’” Those who had been sent found it exactly as he had said.

As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

They replied, “Its master needs it.” They brought it to Jesus, threw their clothes on the colt, and lifted Jesus onto it. As Jesus rode along, they spread their clothes on the road.

As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen. They said,

“Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens.”

Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, scold your disciples! Tell them to stop!”

He answered, “I tell you, if they were silent, the stones would shout.”

As Jesus came to the city and observed it, he wept over it. He said, “If only you knew on this of all days the things that lead to peace. But now they are hidden from your eyes. The time will come when your enemies will build fortifications around you, encircle you, and attack you from all sides. They will crush you completely, you and the people within you. They won’t leave one stone on top of another within you, because you didn’t recognize the time of your gracious visit from God.”

When Jesus entered the temple, he threw out those who were selling things there. He said to them, “It’s written, *My house will be a house of prayer, but you have made it a hideout for crooks.*”

Jesus was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests, the legal experts, and the foremost leaders among the people were seeking to kill him. However, they couldn’t find a way to do it because all the people were enthralled with what they heard.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE “Closer Walk With Thee” - arr. E. Rocherolle

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118:19-23) Liturgist: Dave Martin**

One: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

All: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

One: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

All: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

One: This is the Lord's doing;

All: It is marvelous in our eyes. Amen.

***HYMN #280 UMH “All Glory, Laud and Honor” vs. 1, 2, 3, 5**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God, you are worthy of palms and praise. As you came into Jerusalem there were some that wanted to you keep silent. Forgive our silence. After you overturned the tables, there were some that wanted you dead. Forgive us for seeking a place at the tables you overturned. Your heart was broken over the people who kept choosing violence. Forgive us for not recognizing the things that lead to peace. Hosanna, save us Son of David. Hosanna, save us, Son of God.

<Pause for silent confession and reflection>

One: Hear the good news: God is slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and ever more merciful than we can imagine.

All: We are forgiven by - and for - mercy. Glory to God. Amen

*PASSING THE PEACE

Prayer Song #256 “We Would See Jesus” vs. 4

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

CHORAL ANTHEM “Sing Hosanna” - Jothen

**=please rise if you are able*

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PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Holy Spirit, bless the reading and hearing of this sacred text. Speak through these words and reveal to us the living Word of Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Luke 19:29-48 (CEB)

SERMON: “Triumphal Entry” -Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #290 “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

MERCY IN POETRY "The Donkey" by G.K Chesterton

MUSICAL OFFERING “He is Able” - arr. Peggy Bettcher

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN #121 UMH “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”**

(All are invited to lace your offering and the detached part of the bulletin in the offering container atp the front of the sanctuary as we sing)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH TO BEGIN HOLY WEEK**

I believe in the Holy One of God who came in the name of the Lord in humility and righteousness. I join in the cries to “save us” from the violence, exploitation, and selfishness of Empire. I believe in the one who overturned the tables of power and injustice.

I believe in the Holy One of God who set for us a table of grace. He gathered with his disciples and gave them bread and cup to share. I believe in the cup of forgiveness and in the body of Christ. I believe in the command to “love one another as I have loved you.”

I believe in the Holy One of God who was arrested, mocked, and crucified. I believe that the power of sin hung Jesus on a cross - not to appease an angry God - but because the World could not abide in his love.

I believe that Holy Week was the most important week in human history, that sin almost won on Friday, but I believe another Sunday is coming.

***DOXOLOGY #95 UMH**

***BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

POSTLUDE “The Old Rugged Cross” - G. Bernard/arr. A. Potter

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/13/2025

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 publish this prayer.

Prayers for the community/world:

Prayers for myself:
