

Name _____

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

New Contact Information

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Ways to Serve

OUTREACH

- Donate monetary funds to our Hygiene Bag ministry. Write "Hygiene" on the memo line of your check or on your envelope.
- Donate food and/or funds to Two Rivers Meal Site, Operation Safety Net and Little Free Pantry ministries.
- Volunteer on Saturdays at Meal Site, set up, serving, cleanup, or all of the above.
- Donate snacks for kids Sunday school class (goldfish crackers, fruit snacks, pretzels, etc.)

WORSHIP

- Liturgist** – Assist Pastor with readings and communion during worship.
- Video** - Work the camera in balcony to improve YouTube video
- 4th Sunday Ushers** —Open the church for Sunday worship and make coffee. Take offerings in bank bag to bank depository.



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 history of 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 March 1, 2026

Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am in the Swahili Classroom
Advent Multi-generational Sunday School - 10:45 am in Fellowship Hall
Adult Sunday School - 10:45 am in Asbury Parlor

Discipleship Schedule

Monday Bible Study meets at noon in Epworth Hall. 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.

The Chosen Lenten Study This Lent, you are invited to experience the fifth season of *The Chosen* together on **Thursday** evenings at 5:30. We will begin with dinner, watch an episode while we eat, and then have a discussion afterwards. The first four seasons are available to watch for free at <https://www.byutv.org/the-chosen> or on *The Chosen* app.

Easter Lilies Be sure to order your Easter Lilies early this year. Our order deadline is fast approaching on Thursday, March 12th.

Guest Wifi



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March 1, 2026 - The Second Sunday of Lent
Matthew 26:26-56

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take and eat. This is my body." He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many so that their sins may be forgiven. I tell you, I won't drink wine again until that day when I drink it in a new way with you in my Father's kingdom." Then, after singing songs of praise, they went to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Tonight you will all fall away because of me. This is because it is written, I will hit the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will go off in all directions. But after I'm raised up, I'll go before you to Galilee."

Peter replied, "If everyone else stumbles because of you, I'll never stumble."

Jesus said to him, "I assure you that, before the rooster crows tonight, you will deny me three times."

Peter said, "Even if I must die alongside you, I won't deny you." All the disciples said the same thing.

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane. He said to the disciples, "Stay here while I go and pray over there." When he took Peter and Zebedee's two sons, he began to feel sad and anxious. Then he said to them, "I'm very sad. It's as if I'm dying. Stay here and keep alert with me." Then he went a short distance farther and fell on his face and prayed, "My Father, if it's possible, take this cup of suffering away from me. However—not what I want but what you want."

He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, "Couldn't you stay alert one hour with me? Stay alert and pray so that you won't give in to temptation. The spirit is eager, but the flesh is weak." A second time he went away and prayed, "My Father, if it's not possible that this cup be taken away unless I drink it, then let it be what you want."

Again he came and found them sleeping. Their eyes were heavy with sleep. 44 But he left them and again went and prayed the same words for the third time. Then he came to his disciples and said to them, "Will you sleep and rest all night? Look, the time has come for the Human One to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up. Let's go. Look, here comes my betrayer."

While Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, came. With him was a large crowd carrying swords and clubs. They had been sent by the chief priests and elders of the people. His betrayer had given them a sign: "Arrest the man I kiss." Just then he came to Jesus and said, "Hello, Rabbi." Then he kissed him.

But Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came and grabbed Jesus and arrested him.

One of those with Jesus reached for his sword. Striking the high priest's slave, he cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put the sword back into its place. All those who use the sword will die by the sword. Or do you think that I'm not able to ask my Father and he will send to me more than twelve battle groups of angels right away? But if I did that, how would the scriptures be fulfilled that say this must happen?" Then Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come with swords and clubs to arrest me, like a thief? Day after day, I sat in the temple teaching, but you didn't arrest me. But all this has happened so that what the prophets said in the scriptures might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left Jesus and ran away.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE “Were You There” - arr. Bill Wolaver

GREETING

LENTEN REFLECTION “Mortality” by Audre Lorde

***HYMN #613 UMH “O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread” vs 1, 2, 4**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (adapted from a Prayer of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, seedbed.com)

All: O God, early in the morning I cry to you. Help me to pray and to concentrate my thoughts on you; I cannot do this alone. In me there is darkness, but with you there is light; I am lonely, but you do not leave me; I am feeble in heart, but with you there is help; I am restless, but with you there is peace. In me there is bitterness, but with you there is patience. I do not understand your ways, but you know the way for me. Speak to me in this moment. Breathe into me your words of life and grace.

Pause for silent confession and reflection

One: Through Christ we are restored to liberty. We are enabled to live now. We may stand before God and humanity as forgiven and freed.

All: Lord wherever this may lead us. Whatever this day may bring, your name be praised. Amen

*PASSING THE PEACE

*THE DIMINISHING LIGHT

One: We begin with six lights, and extinguish one for each Sunday during Lent. Today we extinguish the candles of anointing and agony.

All: Jesus said, “Stay here while I go and pray over there... I am very sad, as if I am dying. Stay here and keep alert with me.”

One: Then he went a short distance away to pray but Peter, James and John fell asleep while Jesus prayed in agony.

All: “Father if it’s possible, take this cup of suffering from me. However not what I want, but what you want.”

One: The disciples could not stay awake while Jesus struggled to find peace. Then the betrayer arrived with the authorities to arrest him. If only Jesus had just complied...

All: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

PRAYER SONG #2275 FWS “Kyrie Elieson” (which means “Lord have mercy”)

PASTORAL PRAYER

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: O God, your word is a lamp before my feet, and a light for my journey. As we venture into the darkness of Lent, may your light illumine our path. Amen

SCRIPTURE – Matthew 26:26-56 (Common English Bible)

SERMON “The bread, the cup, and Gethsemane” - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

HOLY COMMUNION AND LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***OFFERTORY #163 UMH “Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know” v. 1-4**

All are invited to place your offering and the detached part of the bulletin in the offering basin at the front as we sing

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Anointed One, as we journey toward the Cross this Lenten season, we look deep into the heart of betrayal, denial, and shame. It is not an easy road, yet we trust that hope remains. Even as the darkness creeps, the light still shines, and the darkness will not overcome it. For this, we give you thanks.

These are the things we offer—a longing for renewal, an honest reflection, a restatement of our priorities, and a desire to remain steadfast.

Receive also this gift of prayers, presence, and treasure. They are our sincere and humble response to the magnificent glory that you offer to us.

In Christ’s holy name, and with the sure and certain hope of Resurrection, we pray. Amen.

DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE “Lord God on High” - Lani Smith

**=please rise if you are able*

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (red book) FWS = Faith We Sing (black book).

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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

March 1, 2026

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:
