

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

### New Contact Information

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Ways to Serve

#### OUTREACH

- Donate coats, gloves, hats and boots or monetary funds to our Winter Wear Ministry. Write "Coat Drive" on the memo line of your check or on your envelope.
- 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.



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 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 29, 2026

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

**Kids & Youth Sunday School - 10:45 am in the Sanctuary**

**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.

#### HOLY WEEK

**Palm Sunday Movie in the Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m.** After worship today, we will gather together to watch *The Chosen: The Last Supper* a compilation of the television series "The Chosen." This will be a one-room-Sunday school event All ages are invited to come to gather in the Sanctuary for this viewing.

**Maundy Thursday, April 2** Pot-luck dinner with communion and worship at Church of Peace UCC (1114 12th Street, Rock Island). Doors open at 5:30pm, dinner starting at 6pm, worship at 7pm.

**Good Friday, April 3** Good Friday Worship at 12pm at Christ UMC (3801 17th St., East Moline) lead by Bishop David Bard.

**Easter Sunday, April 5** Celebrate the Risen Lord with us! We will share Communion and have beautiful musical pieces performed by both choirs and after worship we will have an Easter egg hunt for the kids in Epworth Hall.

Guest Wifi



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**March 29, 2026 - Palm Sunday**  
**Matthew 27:45-66**

From noon until three in the afternoon the whole earth was dark. At about three Jesus cried out with a loud shout, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani," which means, "My God, my God, why have you left me?"

After hearing him, some standing there said, "He's calling Elijah." One of them ran over, took a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a pole. He offered it to Jesus to drink.

But the rest of them said, "Let's see if Elijah will come and save him."

Again Jesus cried out with a loud shout. Then he died.

Look, the curtain of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split, and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised. After Jesus' resurrection they came out of their graves and went into the holy city where they appeared to many people. When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and what had just happened, they were filled with awe and said, "This was certainly God's Son."

Many women were watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to serve him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

That evening a man named Joseph came. He was a rich man from Arimathea who had become a disciple of Jesus. He came to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. Pilate gave him permission to take it. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had carved out of the rock. After he rolled a large stone at the door of the tomb, he went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting in front of the tomb.

The next day, which was the day after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate. They said, "Sir, we remember that while that deceiver was still alive he said, 'After three days I will arise.' Therefore, order the grave to be sealed until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people, 'He's been raised from the dead.' This last deception will be worse than the first."

Pilate replied, "You have soldiers for guard duty. Go and make it as secure as you know how." Then they went and secured the tomb by sealing the stone and posting the guard.

## GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

### GREETING

MUSICAL PROCLAMATION "The Palms" - arr. Drew Fennell (Brass Quintet)

LENTEN REFLECTION "Palm Sunday" by Cole Arthur Riley

\*HYMN #278 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (all)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR "Yesu Niwangu"

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

All: O God, early in the morning I cry to you. "Hosanna" was the cry of the people as you entered Jerusalem, but within a week there were crowds shouting "crucify him." Today we cry "Save us" as we suffer in a world still ready to crucify kindness and those who seek justice. Save us from the toxic shame that is the root of our evil. Save us from our own addictions to anger and violence. Save us from the fear that keeps us isolated and divided. Restore our hope. Renew our strength. Reclaim our humanity and our beloved-ness in your image.

*Pause for silent confession and reflection*

One: Even as we shout "Save us," God hears our cry. You are saved from the grip of sin and restored to your humanity as forgiven and freed.

All: Thanks be to Jesus, Son of David, Son of God who restores us to life and saves us from destruction. Amen.

\*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" - arr. Michael D. Costello  
Two Rivers Sanctuary Choir

## PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

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 27:45-66 (Common English Bible)

THE DIMINISHING LIGHT

One: We begin with seven lights, and as we approach the Cross, the lights have been extinguished by betrayal, agony, denial, shame, and cruelty.

All: Today the light is extinguished by death.

One: From noon until three in the afternoon the whole earth was dark. Jesus cried out with a loud shout, "My God, My God, we have you left me?"

All: It was a mournful cry. It was a tragic moment. Jesus, the lamb of God, took his last breath.

One: But one light remains. There is still hope.

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

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

SERMON "Palms to Ash" - Rev. Robb McCoy

## RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

MUSICAL OFFERING "Were You There?" -arr. Todd Marchand Brass Quintet

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 #95 UMH

\*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "Chief of Sinners/Go to Dark Gethsemane" - arr. Todd Marchand

*\*=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 29, 2026

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Prayers for our Church and its ministry:

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Prayers for people I know:

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I do not have permission to publish this prayer.

Prayers for the community/world:

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Prayers for myself:

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