

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 April 26, 2026

Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am Asbury Parlor
Kids & Youth Sunday School - 10:45 am 3rd floor
Adult Sunday School - 10:45 am 1st floor

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.

Atlas Collective Examen Book Club The Atlas Collective is hosting the third edition of the Examen Book Club. The book chosen for this club is called *The Separation of Church and Hate*, by John Fugelsang. Many people from outside the church have recommended the book to Pastor Robb, and he hoped that the National Best Seller would be a good draw for people searching for a new kind of faith community. The club will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28 at the Atlas Collective (1801 5th Ave. Moline).

Guest Wifi



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April 26, 2026 - The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Exodus 4:1-14

Then Moses replied, "But what if they don't believe me or pay attention to me? They might say to me, 'The LORD didn't appear to you!'"

The LORD said to him, "What's that in your hand?" Moses replied, "A shepherd's rod."

The LORD said, "Throw it down on the ground." So Moses threw it on the ground, and it turned into a snake. Moses jumped back from it. ⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Reach out and grab the snake by the tail." So Moses reached out and grabbed it, and it turned back into a rod in his hand. ⁵ "Do this so that they will believe that the LORD, the God of their ancestors, Abraham's God, Isaac's God, and Jacob's God has in fact appeared to you."

Again, the LORD said to Moses, "Put your hand inside your coat." So Moses put his hand inside his coat. When he took his hand out, his hand had a skin disease flaky like snow. ⁷ Then God said, "Put your hand back inside your coat." So Moses put his hand back inside his coat. When he took it back out again, the skin of his hand had returned to normal. ⁸ "If they won't believe you or pay attention to the first sign, they may believe the second sign. ⁹ If they won't believe even these two signs or pay attention to you, then take some water from the Nile River and pour it out on dry ground. The water that you take from the Nile will turn into blood on the dry ground."

But Moses said to the LORD, "My Lord, I've never been able to speak well, not yesterday, not the day before, and certainly not now since you've been talking to your servant. I have a slow mouth and a thick tongue."

Then the LORD said to him, "Who gives people the ability to speak? Who's responsible for making them unable to speak or hard of hearing, sighted or blind? Isn't it I, the LORD? ¹² Now go! I'll help you speak, and I'll teach you what you should say."

But Moses said, "Please, my Lord, just send someone else." Then the LORD got angry at Moses and said, "What about your brother Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak very well. He's on his way out to meet you now, and he's looking forward to seeing you."

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE "Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole" - arr. Janet Vogt

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, people of God, stand on holy ground for God is here!

All: **Speak, Lord, for we are listening!**

One: God sees the suffering of His people and calls us to be part of His work.

All: **Here we are, Lord—send us!**

One: Then let us worship the Lord, who speaks to us today.

All: **We will go in faith, trusting in the great I AM! Amen.**

*HYMN #307 "Christ is Risen"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy God, at Creation you gave us light and life,

All: **But we choose death and separate ourselves from you.**

One: You called Abraham to be the Father of a great nation

All: **Even while we obey the call, we cannot trust fully.**

One: You delivered the people out of slavery in Egypt

All: **But we lose hope in times of Wilderness, and turn to idols made of gold**

One: You gave the people a King that they required

All: **But we abuse our power and exploit the weak.**

One: You called the prophets to bring the people back to justice

All: **But we ignore the prophets and pursue unjust paths.**

One: You so loved the world that you gave us your only Son, so that we may be saved

by grace.

All: **But he is rejected and despised.**

One: Christ revealed your love by feeding the hungry, healing the sick, welcoming the

stranger, and speaking truth to religious and empire power.

All: **And he was crucified by fear and the wickedness of humanity.**

Pause for silent confession and reflection

One: Fear not. I know that you expected Jesus crucified, but he is risen. Go and tell.

All: **So we have been raised with Christ. We seek the things that are above,**

where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Amen. (Colossians 3:1)

*PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER SONG #2056 "God is So Good"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

ANTHEM "Those Who Wait Upon The Lord" - by Gary Hallquist, Two Rivers Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **Risen Christ open our hearts to your living Word that we encounter in this reading. By your Spirit, let resurrection light guide our understanding. Amen**

SCRIPTURE Exodus 4:1-14 (Common English Bible)

SERMON *Called: We Are Called and equipped* - Rev. Paul Newhall

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE SONG #584 "Lord You Give the Great Commission" vs. 1, 2, 5

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*OFFERTORY #593 UMH "Here I Am, Lord" (v. 1-2)

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

TUMAINI CHOIR

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O God, we give you thanks for shining your light into our lives and into this community.

As we bring these gifts, we praise you for the power, love, and peace your Holy Spirit pours into us. You call and equip us for the work of ministry, just as you called and equipped Moses, and for this grace we are grateful.

Let your presence abide within us as we are sent into the world to proclaim hope.

For your steadfast love, for your guiding Spirit, and for every blessing you have entrusted to us, we offer our thanks and our lives in return. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "Recessional" - Robert Hughes

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

April 26, 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:

**=please rise if you are able*

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

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