Traditional Service of Worship

September 13, 2026 **11:00 a.m.**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE Young

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please fill out a Connect Card—available in the pews (drop it in the offering plate) or digitally via the QR code at the bottom right of this bulletin.

INTROIT

*HYMN No. 152

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Please respond by reading the bold text aloud)

Leader: Come, take a breath. Center your thoughts in Christ.
People: We remember who we are: known and loved by God.
Leader: Beneath the noise, remember the goodness God has placed within you.
People: We are wonderfully made, with purpose and gifts to share.
Leader: In Christ, claim what God has given you.
People: We receive our gifts and offer them in love.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (THE APOSTLES' CREED)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

*RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

Let no one be a stranger in the house of God. Please greet those around you.

*HYMN No. 700

Abide with Me (verse 1)

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & CENTERING PRAYER

We value the gift of generations, so all kids are invited to grab a worship bag or coloring supplies and remain in the sanctuary as part of worship. The nursery is open and available for kids four years old and younger.

ANTHEM Beck

It Is Well
Ashley Alston

PRAYER AND THE 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.

OFFERTORY Osiek

Like a River In My Soul
Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, you have given us so much. Receive these gifts and use all that we share to bring hope, healing, and love in Christ's name. Amen.

*HYMN OF ILLUMINATION No. 206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

SCRIPTURE Psalm 139:1-18

LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

SERMON: Rev. Emily Knight

"The Center Within"

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 128

He Leadeth Me

*THE BENEDICTION

→ Go in peace. Live with purpose. Love with courage. Amen.

POSTLUDE Roman

Finale

*Congregation, please stand as you are able.

Worship Attendance - September 6, 2026

Contemporary Worship - In-person	62
Contemporary Worship- Online	3
Traditional Worship - In-person	89
Traditional Worship - Online	9
Total Worship	163

Serving in Worship Today

9 a.m. Contemporary Service
Nursery Helper: Sharon Joos
Greeters: Judy & Danny Marks
Tech Team: Tami Crowell, Brandon Whitley

11 a.m. Traditional Service
Nursery Helper: Sharon Joos
Greeters: Nancy & Charlie Schubiger
Tech Team: Miranda Snipes, Brandon Whitley
Usher: Niel Fleming, Karen Western
Liturgist: Karen Bailey
Crucifer: Quinton Scott
Acolytes: Caden Bridges, Mason Bridges

What's Happening Today?

Worship: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. (Room 202 & 204)
Youth Group: 10:00 a.m. (Room 302)
Kids Club: 10:00 a.m. (Room 402)
Kids Choir: 10:30 a.m. (Room 403)
Chancel Ringers: 5:00 p.m. (Room 401)

What's Happening This Week?

Tai Chi: Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. & Thursday at 7:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Finance Committee Meeting: Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. (Parlor)
Church Council Meeting: Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. (Parlor)
Wednesday Night Meals Served 5:15 p.m. (McCord Building)
Chancel Choir: Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. (Room 501)
Paul Fey Organ Concert: Friday at 7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)
United Methodist Men: Saturday at 9:00 a.m. (Parlor)

Altar Flowers:

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of their son James Thomas by Julie and Chuck Pickren.

Memorial Candle:

Today's memorial candle honors the life of Wanda Smith who is now restored and made whole in the peace of Christ.

Meals Served Last Week: 128

Digital Connect Card

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RIVERSIDE PARK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

9am A Sunday Spiritual Retreat
September 13, 2026

Welcome to Riverside Park United Methodist Church
Today's worship is an invitation to slow down, breathe deeply, and make space for God. We invite you to set aside the busyness of the week and simply be present to God's presence among us.

If you would like to share a prayer request or receive church updates, please fill out a Connect Card—available in the pews (drop it in the offering plate) or digitally via the QR code on the inside right corner of this bulletin.

Gather with Song
God With Us - Jesus Culture

Welcome & Invitation to Breathe
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:4-7
There Is One Gospel - City Alight

Greet One Another in Christ
Trading My Sorrows - Lifeway Worship

Children's Message & Centering Prayer
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Announcements & Prayer
An invitation to bring our whole selves—our burdens, hopes, questions, and gratitude—into God's presence.

Offer Gifts to God
I Speak Jesus - Charity Gayle

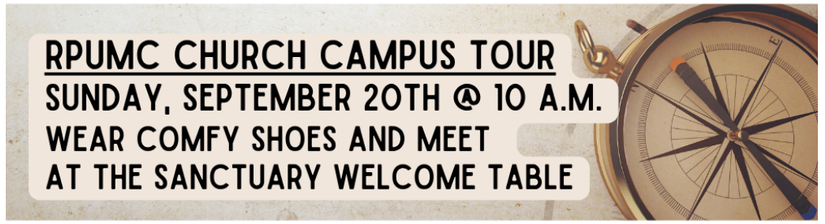
Scripture & Reflection on Psalm 139:1-18
"The Center Within"
by Rev. Emily Knight

Closing Benediction:
Worthy - Elevation Worship

→ Go in peace. Live with purpose. Love with courage. Amen.

RIVERSIDE PARK UNITED METHODIST MEN

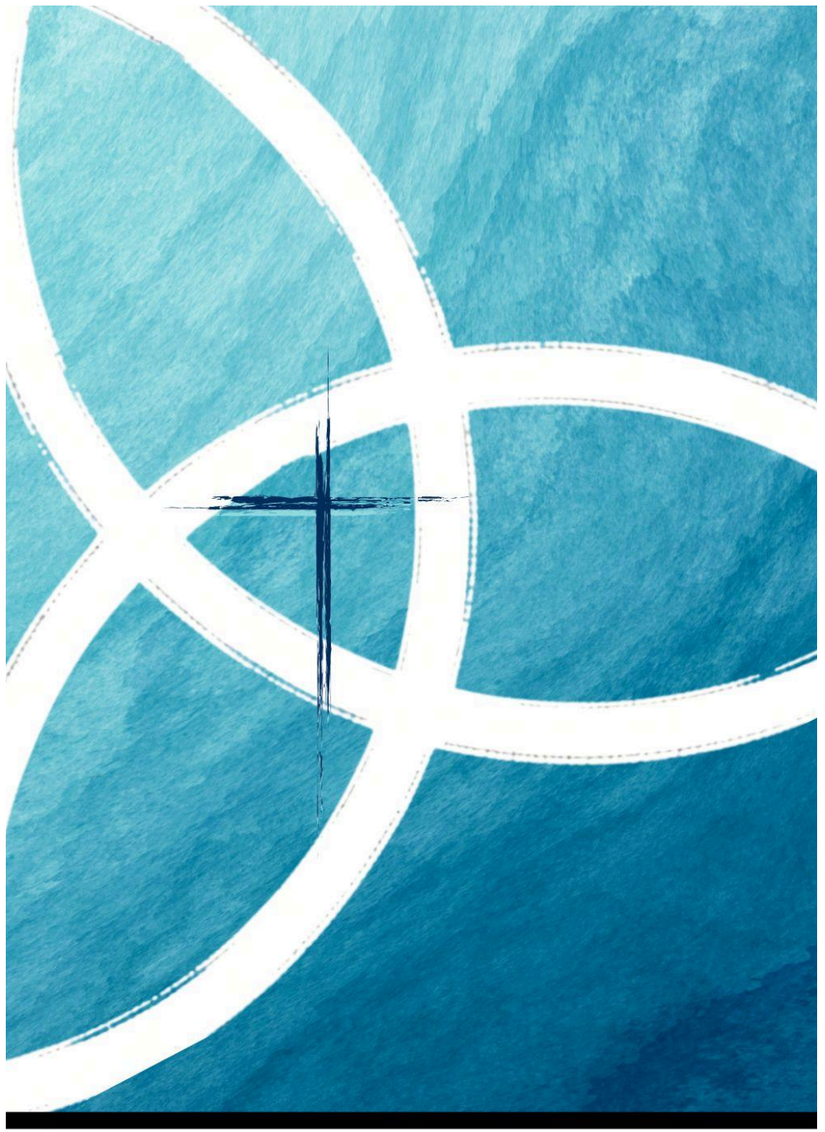
United Methodist Men
Next Meeting:
Saturday, Sept 19 at 9 a.m.
in the parlor
(1st Floor, McCord Bldg



NEW MEMBER CLASSES
Sundays Starting October 4
3-part class (10/4, 10/11, 10/18)
10 a.m. in the office library
(on the 2nd Floor)

Bible Blessing Sunday:
October 4th
Bring a Bible to worship as we celebrate new third graders receiving theirs.

Fuel the Mission & Give Online:
RPUMC.mywell.org →
(Select ACH transfers for lower processing fees.)



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