

NAME: _____

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

New Contact Information:

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Opportunities to serve

Random acts of kindness:

- Play with animals at a local shelter.
- Pray for the people, leadership, and ministry of Two Rivers Church.
- Pray for peace in the world.

Two Rivers Outreach Ministry opportunities:

- Donate new or used household items to Operation Safety Net.
- Provide grocery bags for Meal Site & Operation Safety Net
- Donate non-perishable food and hygiene products for our Little Free Pantry.

Worship team opportunities to serve:

- Greeter—Greet people at the West parking lot.
- Usher—Greet people as they come into the service. Help with offering and Communion.
- Tech Support -Video recording, editing, sound board and /or slides. Get behind the scenes and help create a meaningful worship experience for those in the sanctuary and those watching from home.

May 1, 2022 Announcements

We are blessed by your presence, and pray that worship is meaningful for you. You are invited to note your attendance and mailing address on the blue attendance tear-off sheet found in each bulletin. This sheet may be left at your seat for the ushers to gather after service. We encourage family participation in worship. We can provide activity bags for children upon request. Please see an usher for more information. Ushers can also provide you with large print bulletins if needed. We extend a special welcome to you and trust you will experience God's presence today.

Sunday School Classes—

Adult Sunday School Class @ 10:30am— Asbury Parlor

Swahili Bible Study Class @10:30am—Swahili Class Room

Children & Youth Sunday School @ 10:30am—Epworth Hall

Discipleship Schedule Monday Noon Bible Study meets in-person in Epworth Hall every Monday at 12pm. Wednesday Noon Prayer & Devotion Time continues to meet on Facebook Live and Zoom. Zoom Meeting ID # for Wednesday is 961 006 728. The Zoom meeting can also be joined by phone simply by dial 312-626-6799. Once connected, dial the Meeting ID # 961 006 728, and you will join in the conversation.

Native American Ministries Sunday Today is Native American Ministries Sunday and your gifts to this special Sunday offering funds scholarships for Native American seminarians and strengthen, develop and equip Native American rural, urban and reservation congregations, ministries and communities and annual conference Native American ministries. Please look for a special offering envelope for NAMS in your bulletin this morning and give generously. Thank you.

May Madness Have you been looking for a reason to get active and moving again after the long winter? Then this old Two Rivers tradition will be a great motivator. For those not familiar with May Madness at Two Rivers, it is a month in which we as a congregation support, motivate and encourage each other to get active and have fun. We log miles each week and submit them to the church office to track our progress. Miles can be done by walking, running, biking, swimming or other physical activities. In addition to logging your miles for May Madness you are also invited to consider participating in The Project of the Quad Cities—Pride 5K: Walk, Run, Roll on June 12, 2022. Activity logging sheets will be available in the West Entrance and in the back of the sanctuary.

Network: Two Rivers Sanctuary
Password: TwoRivers2013
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May 1, 2022
Third Sunday of Easter



Acts 9:1-19a (CEB)

Meanwhile, Saul was still spewing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest, seeking letters to the synagogues in Damascus. If he found persons who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, these letters would authorize him to take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. During the journey, as he approached Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven encircled him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice asking him, "Saul, Saul, why are you harassing me?"

Saul asked, "Who are you, Lord?"

"I am Jesus, whom you are harassing," came the reply. "Now get up and enter the city. You will be told what you must do."

Those traveling with him stood there speechless; they heard the voice but saw no one. After they picked Saul up from the ground, he opened his eyes but he couldn't see. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind and neither ate nor drank anything.

In Damascus there was a certain disciple named Ananias. The Lord spoke to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

He answered, "Yes, Lord."

The Lord instructed him, "Go to Judas' house on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias enter and put his hands on him to restore his sight."

Ananias countered, "Lord, I have heard many reports about this man. People say he has done horrible things to your holy people in Jerusalem. He's here with authority from the chief priests to arrest everyone who calls on your name."

The Lord replied, "Go! This man is the agent I have chosen to carry my name before Gentiles, kings, and Israelites. I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."

Ananias went to the house. He placed his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord sent me—Jesus, who appeared to you on the way as you were coming here. He sent me so that you could see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Instantly, flakes fell from Saul's eyes and he could see again. He got up and was baptized. After eating, he regained his strength.

He stayed with the disciples in Damascus for several days.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude "Word of God Speak" - Millard/Kipley

Greeting

Call to Worship
One: Christ is risen
All: Hallelujah
One: Christ is Risen
All: He is Risen indeed!

*Opening Hymn #454 UMH "Open My Eyes" vs. 1 & 3

*Prayer of Confession
All: Holy God, you disrupted the world with Resurrection. You robbed the Empire of its power and showed the world what love can do. Disrupt our lives with your grace. When we have fallen into patterns of sin, apathy, self-centeredness, or comfortable stagnation, disrupt our lives with forgiveness, power, and grace. Break through the darkness of our stubborn hearts and reveal to us the light of Christ. Show us the path of community, fellowship, and love.
(Pause for silent reflection and confession)

One: Just when it seemed that the story was over, that Jesus was dead, buried and forgotten, Christ disrupted the story with Resurrection. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Resurrected One, you are forgiven.
All: In the name of Jesus Christ, the Resurrected One, we are forgiven. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Spirit Hymn #311 UMH "Now the Green Blade Riseth" vs. 1 & 4

Pastoral Prayer

Musical Offering "Let Us Serve Him" - Besig
Two Rivers Sanctuary Choir

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination
All: Holy God, open our hearts to the story of your love. Open our

minds to new ways of knowing you. Open our doors for all whom you would welcome. Amen.

Scripture Reading Acts 9:1-19a(CEB)

Sermon Disruptions: Paul's Conversion - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Holy Communion Page 15 UMH
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.

Invitation to Discipleship

*Doxology #94 UMH

Prayer of Thanksgiving
One: Disruption is a chance to reassess. It is a chance to reset priorities and take stock of what is important.
All: We thank you God, for disrupting our lives with Resurrection. It is an event that we must respond to. We choose to respond with generosity. We respond with forgiveness. We respond with friendship and community. We will not let this moment pass us by. We will respond with love.
(Pause for silent reflection on how you may respond to Resurrection)

One: Amen

*Blessing

*Closing Hymn #312 UMH "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise" vs. 1 & 2

Postlude "Amazing Grace" - John Newton

* You are invited to stand as you are able.
FWS - The Faith We Sing (black hymnal)
UMH- United Methodist Hymnal (red hymnal)
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May 1, 2022



PRAYER MINISTRY

NAME: _____

Who would you like to see this prayer?

- Pastor Only. Only the pastor will see this prayer. He will most likely see it and be in prayer for it on Monday morning.
- Prayer Chain. These prayers will be sent to those who have signed up for prayer chain email. They will also be prayed for by first name only during our Wednesday online prayer service.

Please be in prayer for:

Please pray for this:

- For this week only.
- Until _____
- This is an ongoing need.

I am interested in being a part of the Prayer Chain:

Email: _____