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### New Contact Information:

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Opportunities to serve

#### Saturday Meal Site opportunities to serve:

- Hosts: Someone who can greet guests and sit with them during the meal.
- Clean-up crew. Come around 12:30-1:30.
- Provide grocery bags and/or socks for Meal Site & Operation Safety Net

#### Worship team opportunities to serve:

- Greeter—Greet people in the West Entrance or at North Entrance.
- Usher—Greet people as they come into the service. Help with offering and Communion.
- Video—Get behind the camera to make a video recording of the sermon.
- Editor—Take the footage of the worship series and edit into a video to be posted on youtube.
- Sound—Help with the sound board, making sure mic levels are correct during worship.
- Slides—Help switch the slides during the service.

## April 11, 2021 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

Children's Sunday School K—12th Grade @ 10:30am— in the back of the sanctuary

Swahili Bible Study Class @10:30am—Asbury Parlor #210

Adult Sunday School Class @ 10:30am— Epworth Hall and Zoom

**Discipleship Schedule Continues on ZOOM** Call in to (312)626-6799 or open the Zoom app and enter the Meeting ID: 961 006 728. Adult Sunday School at 10:30am, Monday Bible Study at noon and Wednesday Prayer & Devotion at noon.

**Ushers Needed** As we begin to gather again in the sanctuary on Sunday morning, there will be a need for more ushers. The usher duties at this time have been reduced due to our new COVID-19 procedures. If you are interested in learning more about being an usher please see an usher at the end of service or call the church office.

**Native American Sunday** Next Sunday, April 18 is Native American Sunday. Gifts to Native American Ministries Sunday fund 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 next Sunday's bulletin and give generously.

**Bell Choir returns to Two Rivers** Bells will begin rehearsing at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday April 14th in the Sanctuary. Anyone can be a member of the bell choir. All that's needed is a desire to learn, an ability to count to four. If you have an interest in ringing, please contact Mark Swessinger at mswess@mchsi.com, or by phone at (309)738-0260. If you haven't been vaccinated, no problem. You will be welcome. Social distancing and masks will be enforced for participation. Hope to see you on the 14th!

Network: Two Rivers Sanctuary  
Password: TwoRivers2013  
www.TwoRiversUMC.org



April 11, 2021  
Second Sunday of Easter



### Luke 24:36-51

While they were saying these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"<sup>37</sup> They were terrified and afraid. They thought they were seeing a ghost.

<sup>38</sup> He said to them, "Why are you startled? Why are doubts arising in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet. It's really me! Touch me and see, for a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones like you see I have." <sup>40</sup> As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet.

<sup>41</sup> Because they were wondering and questioning in the midst of their happiness, he said to them, "Do you have anything to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of baked fish. <sup>43</sup> Taking it, he ate it in front of them.

<sup>44</sup> Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He said to them, "This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> Look, I'm sending to you what my Father promised, but you are to stay in the city until you have been furnished with heavenly power."

<sup>50</sup> He led them out as far as Bethany, where he lifted his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup> As he blessed them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. <sup>52</sup> They worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem overwhelmed with joy. <sup>53</sup> And they were continuously in the temple praising God.

## GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Greeting

Prelude "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"  
*Michael Smith, organ*

Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Psalm Song "Sharing the Road" Richard B.C.

\*Prayer of Confession

God of Resurrection, we are witnesses to great things, and yet we too often live as if we have not seen your power. Forgive us for living as Saturday people, convinced that death and fear have won the day; and not as Easter people, empowered by your loving Spirit. Forgive us for hiding in fear, comfort, bitterness, selfishness, and status quo and empower us for justice, love, compassion, and new life.

*(Pause for silent reflection and confession)*

One: Hear the good news, when the women went to the tomb, they found it empty and two mysterious figures proclaimed, "He is not here. Christ is risen!"

All: He is risen indeed! We are forgiven by the living and risen Christ, Amen.

\*Passing of the Peace

Hymn #660 in UMH "God is Here"

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

## 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 Luke 24:36-51

Sermon Witness -Rev. Robb McCoy

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Hymn #521 in UMH "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"

Offering Reflection and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy and Gracious God, we give you thanks. You have given us all. You have given us your breath of life. You have given us your Son to show us the Way. You have given us your forgiveness. You have given us your Spirit. We now return to you our breath, our strength, and our faith. Use us for your Kingdom, empower us through your grace. Amen.

\*Doxology #94 in UMH

Hymn #304 "Easter People Raise Your Voices"

\*Blessing and Dismissal (Please wait for ushers to dismiss each row)

\*Postlude "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

\* 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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April 11, 2021



## 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. Names only will be printed in newsletter if it is an ongoing need.

Please be in prayer for:

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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: \_\_\_\_\_