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### New Contact Information:

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Opportunities to serve

#### Saturday Meal Site opportunities to serve:

- Hosts: Someone who can Hand out meals in the parking lot.
- Clean-up crew. Come around 12:00-1:00pm.
- Provide grocery bags and/or socks for Meal Site & Operation Safety Net

#### Worship team opportunities to serve:

- Greeter—Greet people at the 5th Ave and Handicap Entrances.
- 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.

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## 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—Swahili Class Room

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.

**Offering Counter Needed** Our Financial Secretary is in need of a volunteer to help count the offer on the 3rd Monday of every other month at 9 a.m. If you are a member of Two Rivers and would like to assist the church in this way, please contact Charlotte Peterson at char1728@aol.com or call the church office.

**New Online Giving Option at Tworiversumc.org** We're excited to share that we've launched a new way of giving online at Two Rivers Church through Tithe.ly, a safe and secure giving platform that allows you to give one-time or recurring gifts! Go to [tworiversumc.org/donate](http://tworiversumc.org/donate) or scan this QR Code with your smart phone camera and follow the steps to donate.



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May 16, 2021  
Seventh Sunday of Easter



**Gal. 3:1-9, 23-29**

You irrational Galatians! Who put a spell on you? Jesus Christ was put on display as crucified before your eyes! I just want to know this from you: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the Law or by believing what you heard? Are you so irrational? After you started with the Spirit, are you now finishing up with your own human effort? Did you experience so much for nothing? I wonder if it really was for nothing. So does the one providing you with the Spirit and working miracles among you do this by you doing the works of the Law or by you believing what you heard?

Understand that in the same way that Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness, those who believe are the children of Abraham. But when it saw ahead of time that God would make the Gentiles righteous on the basis of faith, scripture preached the gospel in advance to Abraham: All the Gentiles will be blessed in you. Therefore, those who believe are blessed together with Abraham who believed.

Before faith came, we were guarded under the Law, locked up until faith that was coming would be revealed, so that the Law became our custodian until Christ so that we might be made righteous by faith.

But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian.

You are all God's children through faith in Christ Jesus. All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free; nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Now if you belong to Christ, then indeed you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to the promise.

## GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

**Prelude** "In Christ there is no East or West" - McKee

### Greeting

#### Psalm 1

The truly happy person doesn't follow wicked advice, doesn't stand on the road of sinners, and doesn't sit with the disrespectful. Instead of doing those things, these persons love the Lord's Instruction, and they recite God's Instruction day and night! They are like a tree replanted by streams of water, which bears fruit at just the right time and whose leaves don't fade. Whatever they do succeeds. That's not true for the wicked! They are like dust that the wind blows away. And that's why the wicked will have no standing in the court of justice— neither will sinners in the assembly of the righteous. The Lord is intimately acquainted with the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is destroyed.

**Psalm Song** "Like a Tree" - 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 #557** "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

#### 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.

**Musical Offering** "I Love to Tell the Story" - W.G. Fischer/M. McDonald  
*Nancy Schwegler, piano*

### 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** Gal. 3:1-9, 23-29

**Sermon** One in Christ -Rev. Robb McCoy

### RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

**Hymn #548** "In Christ there is no East or West"

#### 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.

**Hymn #304** "Easter People Raise Your Voices"

#### \*Blessing and Dismissal

**Postlude** "In Christ there is no East or West" - McKee

Hymnal music provided by Mark Swessinger, baritone and Nancy Schwegler, piano

\* 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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### 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: \_\_\_\_\_