

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

- First time guest
- Returning guest
- Looking for a church home
- Member
- Interested in membership or Baptism

**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 12:00-1:30pm.
- Provide grocery bags and/or socks for Meal Site & Operation Safety Net

**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.
- 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.

*July 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**

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

Swahili Bible Study Class @10:30am—Swahili Class Room  
Children’s Sunday School will resume in the fall

**Discipleship Schedule** No Monday Noon Bible Study or Wednesday Noon Prayer & Devotion Time until the week of July 19. Monday Bible Study will then be meeting in-person in Epworth Hall.

**Two Rivers Kids & Youth** Two Rivers Kids and Youth have started meeting again on Wednesdays at Camp Milan from 3:00-4:30pm. This gives the kids the opportunity to be outside, spread out, and gather in the safest possible environment. Volunteers are needed and kids and youth in need of rides should contact Pastor Robb by texting him (815-514-3779). New adult volunteers must have approved background checks.



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



July 11, 2021  
7th Sunday after Pentecost



**Matthew 22:36-40**

36 “Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

37 He replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: You must love your neighbor as you love yourself. 40 All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.”

## GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

Greeting

**\*Call to Worship** (based on Micah 6)

One: Hear the Lord, your God declare, "I brought you up out of the land of Egypt; I redeemed you from the house of slavery. I sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam before you."

All: With what shall we approach the Lord and bow down before God on high? Should we come with burnt offerings, with year-old calves, thousands of lambs, gallons of oil? Should we give our oldest son for our crimes?

One: God has told you, mortal ones, what is good and what the Lord requires of you:

All: It is to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

**\*Hymn #715 UHM** "Rejoice The Lord is King" vs. 1 & 2

**\*Prayer of Confession**

All: O God, our God who brought your people out of slavery and delivered us to life, we confess to you that we have not upheld your commandments. We have had other gods. We have allowed idols to control our lives. We have used your name frivolously. We have ignored the elderly. We have condoned the deaths caused by poverty, preventable illness, and violence. We have acted unfaithfully in relationships, and forgotten that all things are yours and we are but stewards. We have been dishonest and we have been discontent. We have ignored your words of life, and now seek your forgiveness.

*(Pause for silent reflection and confession)*

One: Hear the Good News: God is slow to anger and quick to grace. God is forgiving and abounding in steadfast love.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

**\*Passing of the Peace**

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 Matthew 20:36-40 (CEB)

Sermon The Greatest Commandment - Mark Swessinger

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Hymn #171 UMH "There's Something About That Name" x 2

Offering Reflection and Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: God of Law and God of Grace, you have given us all things, including your instructions and your forgiveness which guide us in a life of meaning and depth. We are but pilgrims in life, in need of the guidance which you provide. We thank you for your provisions and respond to the outpouring of your love by doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with you. Empower us to a life of generosity, compassion, and mercy, and speak to us your words of instruction and grace. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

**\*Hymn #598 UMH** "O Word of God Incarnate" vs. 1

**\*Blessing and Dismissal**

Postlude "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

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. They will also be prayed for by name only during our Wednesday online prayer service. 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: \_\_\_\_\_