

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 18, 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 the week of June 27th. Monday Bible Study will be on break until July 19th and will then be meeting in-person in Epworth Hall.

Two Rivers Kids & Youth Two Rivers Kids and Youth will continue to meet on Wednesdays at Camp Milan from 3:00-4:30pm. There will be a Kids & Youth Pool Party on July 25. 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.

Little Free Pantry Two Rivers Church is putting up a Little Free Pantry. This pantry will be located on the east side of the south parking lot of the church. It will be a place where people can pick up something that they need or drop off donations. The items of the pantry can be suited to fit the season. A list of suggested and prohibited donations can be found in the back of the sanctuary or in the west entrance. For a limited time, customers that visit Cool Beanz Coffee House in Rock Island, can get a 15% discount if they make a donation to the Little Free Pantry. This is part of an ongoing partnership between Cool Beanz and Two Rivers Church.

New Online Giving Option at TwoRiversumc.org We have a new way of giving online at Two Rivers Church through [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly/), a safe and secure giving platform that allows you to give one-time or recurring gifts! Go to TwoRiversumc.org/donate or scan this QR Code with your smart phone camera and follow the steps to donate.



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



July 18, 2021
8th Sunday after Pentecost



Luke 7:34-35

[Jesus said,] "John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' Yet the Human One came eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunk, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved to be right by all her descendants."

John 15:12-17

[Jesus said,] "This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. No one has greater love than to give up one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I don't call you servants any longer, because servants don't know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because everything I heard from my Father I have made known to you."

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude "Jesus, Friend of Sinners" - Hyfrydol

Greeting

*Call to Worship

All: We rise to praise the Lord who is good, whose steadfast love endures forever. We rise to praise Christ who gives us life, life abundant, and life eternal. We rise in the power of the Spirit who strengthens us in times of trial.

*Opening Hymn #89 UHM "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" vs. 1 & 4

*Prayer of Confession

All: The Son is the image of the invisible God, the one who is first over all creation. All things were created by Christ, both in heavens and on earth; and all things are held together in Christ. The fullness of God lived in Christ, and all things are reconciled through Christ. Today we come in need of reconciliation. We have alienated ourselves from God through our thoughts, words, deeds, and inaction. We are enemies of love and goodness, but can be redeemed through Christ who is all and is in all things. Christ the redeemer will reconcile us to one another, to God, and to all things.

(Pause for silent reflection and confession)

One: Hear the Good News: Christ is all and is in all. Christ reconciles us to all through his death and resurrection. In the name of Christ the redeemer, we are forgiven.

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

*Passing of the Peace

Spirit Hymn #171 UMH "There's Just Something About That Name"

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

"My Savior's Love" - C. H. Gabriel-M.E. Kerrick
"I Stand Amazed in the Presence" (Hymn 371)
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

Luke 7:34-35 and John 15:12-17

Sermon

Freeing Jesus: What a Friend We Have - Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Response Hymn #526 UMH "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" vs. 1 & 3

Offering Reflection and Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Jesus our friend, we thank you as one friend thanks another after receiving a gift or a helping hand. As our friend you take us by the hand and guide us to a new reality. You show us the way of kindness, mutuality, and compassion. You have modeled for us the greatest sign of friendship, being willing to die to save our friendship and save our shared vision of the world. We respond to your offer of friendship with our offer of generosity, compassion, and faith. In the name of Jesus Christ our Friend, we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #156 UMH

"I Love to Tell the Story" v. 1

*Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude

"Jesus, Friend of Sinners"

- Hyfrydol

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:

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: _____