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| <input type="checkbox"/> Returning guest | <input type="checkbox"/> Interested in membership or Baptism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Looking for a church home | |

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 25, 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— Asbury Parlor and Zoom
Swahili Bible Study Class @10:30am—Swahili Class Room
Children's Sunday School will resume in the fall

Discipleship Schedule Monday Noon Bible Study meets in-person in Epworth Hall and on Zoom. Wednesday Noon Prayer & Devotion Time continues to meet on Facebook Live and Zoom. Zoom Meeting ID # for both is 961 006 728. All Zoom meetings 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.

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 from 2-6pm. Adult volunteers are needed to help supervise 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, 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 25, 2021
9th Sunday after Pentecost



Matthew 7:24-29

[Jesus concluded his Sermon on the Mount by saying,] "Everybody who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise builder who built a house on bedrock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the wind beat against the house. It didn't fall because it was firmly set on bedrock. But everybody who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice will be like a fool who built a house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the wind blew and beat against that house. It fell and was completely destroyed."

When Jesus finished these words, the crowds were amazed at his teaching because he was teaching them like someone with authority and not like their legal experts.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude "Prelude in G Minor" - Bach

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 #417 UHM "O For a Heart to Praise My Lord" vs. 1 & 4

*Prayer of Confession (based on Colossians 1)

All: 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 UHM "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.

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 7:24-29

Sermon

Freeing Jesus: Teacher

- Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Response Hymn #451 UMH

"Be Thou My Vision" vs. 1 & 3

Offering Reflection and Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Jesus our teacher, you have given us a vision of what the world could be. Your teaching—by words and actions—have allowed us to see a different reality. We thank you for opening to us a vision of a world ruled by generosity and grace, not scarcity and fear. Thank you for your vision, for sparking our imagination, and kindling within us a fire for justice, mercy, and kindness in this world. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #156 UMH

"I Love to Tell the Story" v. 1

*Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude

"Prelude in G Minor"

- Bach

Hymnal music provided by Mark Swessinger, baritone
* 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: _____