



August 15, 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 meet at Camp Milan on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:30pm starting in August. Adult volunteers are needed to help supervise and/or provide a meal for the group. 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.

Music ministries returning to Two Rivers Bell Choir will resume rehearsals on August 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the Judith Litherland Bell Choir Room located on the second floor between the nursery and the office. Sanctuary Choir will be meeting the following week on August 25th at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Finally, our Ukulele Choir will start rehearsals on September 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. If you have any questions please call or Text Director of Music Mark Swessinger at (309)738-0260 or e-mail him at mswess@mchsi.com.

Online Giving Option at Tworiversumc.org We have a easy and convenient 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



John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

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.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude "Abide With Me" - Monk/arr. Whitsett

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 #398 UHM "Jesus Calls Us" vs. 1 & 3

*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 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

"Take My Life, and Let It Be" (HENDON) -Malan/arr. B. Wolaver
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

John 14:6 (CEB)

Sermon

Freeing Jesus: Jesus the Way - Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Response Hymn

"Show Me Thy Way, O Lord" vs. 1 & 4 -See Screens
(Tune: Eventide #700)

Offering Reflection and Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: We give thanks to creator and parent God. We give thanks to the eternal Christ made flesh in Jesus. We give thanks to the Spirit of God which blows over the waters of chaos and blows through our hearts. We are united by Christ's presence, and we are thankful for the steadfast love that endures forever. Empower us with the confidence that comes with having an advocate forever at our side. Lead us to generosity, compassion, and kindness in the name of the always present Jesus. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #156UMH

"I Love to Tell the Story" v. 1

*Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude

"My Soul is Thirsting/As Morning Breaks" - Steve Agrisano

* You are invited to stand as you are able.
FWS -The Faith We Sing (black hymnal)
UMH- United Methodist Hymnal (red hymnal)
Words of anthem/hymn reprinted under CCLI License
Music provided by Mark Swessinger, baritone and Mary Carroll, organ/piano

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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: _____