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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.

October 3, 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 & Youth Sunday School @ 10:30am— Epworth Hall

Adult Sunday School Class The Adult Sunday School Class has begun a new Bible Study using Adam Hamilton's book, "Making Sense of the Bible". All adults are welcome to join in the discussion in the Asbury Parlor at 10:30 a.m. Books for the study are now available.

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 through the month of October. 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.

World Communion Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's Children. The special offering today benefits World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Training Program. Please look for the special offering envelope in your worship bulletin. Thank you in advance for your gifts to this special offering.

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



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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17

23 A long time passed, and the Egyptian king died. The Israelites were still groaning because of their hard work. They cried out, and their cry to be rescued from the hard work rose up to God. 24 God heard their cry of grief, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. 25 God looked at the Israelites, and God understood.

3 Moses was taking care of the flock for his father-in-law Jethro,[a] Midian's priest. He led his flock out to the edge of the desert, and he came to God's mountain called Horeb. 2 The Lord's messenger appeared to him in a flame of fire in the middle of a bush. Moses saw that the bush was in flames, but it didn't burn up. 3 Then Moses said to himself, Let me check out this amazing sight and find out why the bush isn't burning up.

4 When the Lord saw that he was coming to look, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!"

Moses said, "I'm here."

5 Then the Lord said, "Don't come any closer! Take off your sandals, because you are standing on holy ground." 6 He continued, "I am the God of your father, Abraham's God, Isaac's God, and Jacob's God." Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God.

7 Then the Lord said, "I've clearly seen my people oppressed in Egypt. I've heard their cry of injustice because of their slave masters. I know about their pain. 8 I've come down to rescue them from the Egyptians in order to take them out of that land and bring them to a good and broad land, a land that's full of milk and honey, a place where the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites all live. 9 Now the Israelites' cries of injustice have reached me. I've seen just how much the Egyptians have oppressed them. 10 So get going. I'm sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I to go to Pharaoh and to bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

12 God said, "I'll be with you. And this will show you that I'm the one who sent you. After you bring the people out of Egypt, you will come back here and worship God on this mountain."

13 But Moses said to God, "If I now come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they are going to ask me, 'What's this God's name?' What am I supposed to say to them?"

14 God said to Moses, "I Am Who I Am.[b] So say to the Israelites, 'I Am has sent me to you.'" 15 God continued, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, Abraham's God, Isaac's God, and Jacob's God, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever; this is how all generations will remember me.

10 But Moses said to the Lord, "My Lord, I've never been able to speak well, not yesterday, not the day before, and certainly not now since you've been talking to your servant. I have a slow mouth and a thick tongue."

11 Then the Lord said to him, "Who gives people the ability to speak? Who's responsible for making them unable to speak or hard of hearing, sighted or blind? Isn't it I, the Lord? 12 Now go! I'll help you speak, and I'll teach you what you should say."

13 But Moses said, "Please, my Lord, just send someone else."

14 Then the Lord got angry at Moses and said, "What about your brother Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak very well. He's on his way out to meet you now, and he's looking forward to seeing you. 15 Speak to him and tell him what he's supposed to say. I'll help both of you speak, and I'll teach both of you what to do. 16 Aaron will speak for you to the people. He'll be a spokesperson for you, and you will be like God for him. 17 Take this shepherd's rod with you too so that you can do the signs."

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude "God with Us" - Bolduc

Greeting

*Call to Worship (Psalm 9:1-2)

One: We gather as a people who are grateful to God.

All: I will thank you, LORD, with all my heart;

I will talk about all your wonderful acts.

I will celebrate and rejoice in you;

I will sing praises to your name, Most High.

*Opening Hymn #158 UHM "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" vs. 1 & 3

*Prayer of Confession

All: O God, you are a holy and gracious God, but we are too often an ungracious people. Instead of operating out of gratitude and love, we wonder 'what's in it for me.' Even when do good, we often wonder if we earned points on some diving scorecard. Forgive us for our ungrateful hearts. Forgive us for when we take your love for granted, or fail to acknowledge your role in our lives. Free us from this system that keeps score and free us for a life of grace.

(Pause for silent reflection and confession)

One: Hear the Good News: God does not score. Christ desires nothing but your thankful and joyful heart. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

*Passing of the Peace

Spirit Hymn #408 UHM

"The Gift of Love" vs. 1

Pastoral Prayer

Testimonial: Grateful to God Dick Lee

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 Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17(CEB)

Sermon Be Grateful: God's Name Revealed - Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Holy Communion UMH #15

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.

Offering Reflection and Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: We will thank you God, with our whole heart. We will talk about your wonderful acts. We will celebrate and rejoice in you.

All: Holy and Gracious God, we gather as a grateful people. We are thankful for the created world and our place in it. We are thankful for your Son, and the forgiveness and grace he offers. We are thankful for your Spirit, which empowers us to change the world. We are thankful for your Church, and our place in its mission. We pause to reflect on how we may respond to your great gifts.

(Pause for Silent Reflection and Gratitude)

One: We will sing praises to your name, Most High.

*Closing Hymn #438 UHM "Forth in Thy Name" v. 1

*Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude "I Will Lift Up Your Name" - Angrisano/Tomaszek

* 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: _____