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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.

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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

Free Concert this afternoon In conjunction with the Skeleten Key Arts Market, Two Rivers Church has invited Tony Hoepfner and Friends (from the River Music Experience) to join in the fun. The free concert will be held in the Two Rivers parking lot from 2:00-4:00 this afternoon. We will also be giving out free water and selling Walking Tacos and pop.

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.

Online Giving Option at TwoRiversUMC.org We have an easy and convenient 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
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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Ruth 1:1-19

During the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. A man with his wife and two sons went from Bethlehem of Judah to dwell in the territory of Moab. The name of that man was Elimelech, the name of his wife was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They entered the territory of Moab and settled there.

But Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died. Then only she was left, along with her two sons. They took wives for themselves, Moabite women; the name of the first was Orpah and the name of the second was Ruth. And they lived there for about ten years.

But both of the sons, Mahlon and Chilion, also died. Only the woman was left, without her two children and without her husband.

Then she arose along with her daughters-in-law to return from the field of Moab, because while in the territory of Moab she had heard that the Lord had paid attention to his people by providing food for them. She left the place where she had been, and her two daughters-in-law went with her. They went along the road to return to the land of Judah.

Naomi said to her daughters-in-law, "Go, turn back, each of you to the household of your mother. May the Lord deal faithfully with you, just as you have done with the dead and with me. May the Lord provide for you so that you may find security, each woman in the household of her husband." Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept.

But they replied to her, "No, instead we will return with you, to your people."

Naomi replied, "Turn back, my daughters. Why would you go with me? Will there again be sons in my womb, that they would be husbands for you? Turn back, my daughters. Go. I am too old for a husband. If I were to say that I have hope, even if I had a husband tonight, and even more, if I were to bear sons— would you wait until they grew up? Would you refrain from having a husband? No, my daughters. This is more bitter for me than for you, since the Lord's will has come out against me."

Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth stayed with her. Naomi said, "Look, your sister-in-law is returning to her people and to her gods. Turn back after your sister-in-law."

But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to abandon you, to turn back from following after you. Wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord do this to me and more so if even death separates me from you." When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped speaking to her about it.

So both of them went along until they arrived at Bethlehem. When they arrived at Bethlehem, the whole town was excited on account of them, and the women of the town asked, "Can this be Naomi?"

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude "The Gift of Love" - Traditional hymn

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: Kindness matters. Let us remember the words of the Apostle Paul

All: **Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort in love, any sharing in the Spirit, any sympathy, complete my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, being united, and agreeing with each other. Don't do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves. Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others.**

*Opening Hymn #528 UHM "Nearer, My God, to Thee" vs. 1 & 5

*Prayer of Confession

All: **Holy and Gracious God, Paul reminded us to resist selfish purposes, to live in humility, and to watch out for the good of others before ourselves. Instead, we ignore the common good. We react in anger and bitterness to those with whom we disagree, and we fall into selfish habits of comfort, greed, and apathy. Forgive us for missing the mark of your love. Free us from what binds us to anger and fear. Empower us to live in your grace and love.**

(Pause for silent reflection and confession)

One: Hear the Good News: Christ died for the sake of love and rose in the power of love. 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 #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.

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

Ruth 1:1-19 (CEB)

Sermon

Ruth & Naomi

- Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Response Hymn

"Come Follow Me" vs. 1 & 3 - See Screens

To the Tune of "The Gift of Love" #408 UMH

Offering Reflection and Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: **If 'Thank you' is the only prayer we ever say, it would be enough. Let us pause and reflect on the goodness of God.**

(Pause for silent reflection and gratitude)

All: **God of Ruth and Naomi, and God of kindness and friendship, we thank you. We thank you for the friendships in our lives that give us hope and courage. We thank you for the friendship we have in Christ Jesus, which is steadfast and endures forever. We thank you for the power you give us through your loving kindness. Help us to respond to all who we meet with the same love and joy. Amen.**

*Closing Hymn #672 UMH

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again" v. 1 no refrain

*Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude

"Minuet"

- Handel

* 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: _____