

NAME: _____

- First time guest Member
- Returning guest Interested in membership or Baptism
- 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.

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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 & 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.

Online Giving Option at Tworiversumc.org We have an easy and convenient way of giving online at Two Rivers Church through Tithely, 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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September 26, 2021
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

When Isaac had grown old and his eyesight was failing, he summoned his older son Esau and said to him, "My son?"

And Esau said, "I'm here."

2 He said, "I'm old and don't know when I will die. 3 So now, take your hunting gear, your bow and quiver of arrows, go out to the field, and hunt game for me. 4 Make me the delicious food that I love and bring it to me so I can eat. Then I can bless you before I die."

15 Rebekah took her older son Esau's favorite clothes that were in the house with her, and she put them on her younger son Jacob. 16 On his arms and smooth neck she put the hide of young goats, 17 and the delicious food and the bread she had made she put into her son's hands.

18 Jacob went to his father and said, "My father."

And he said, "I'm here. Who are you, my son?"

19 Jacob said to his father, "I'm Esau your oldest son. I've made what you asked me to. Sit up and eat some of the game so you can bless me."

20 Isaac said to his son, "How could you find this so quickly, my son?"

He said, "The Lord your God led me right to it."

21 Isaac said to Jacob, "Come here and let me touch you, my son. Are you my son Esau or not?" 22 So Jacob approached his father Isaac, and Isaac touched him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the arms are Esau's arms." 23 Isaac didn't recognize him because his arms were hairy like Esau's arms, so he blessed him.

28:10 Jacob left Beer-sheba and set out for Haran. 11 He reached a certain place and spent the night there. When the sun had set, he took one of the stones at that place and put it near his head. Then he lay down there. 12 He dreamed and saw a raised staircase, its foundation on earth and its top touching the sky, and God's messengers were ascending and descending on it. 13 Suddenly the Lord was standing on it and saying, "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. 14 Your descendants will become like the dust of the earth; you will spread out to the west, east, north, and south. Every family of earth will be blessed because of you and your descendants. 15 I am with you now, I will protect you everywhere you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done everything that I have promised you."

16 When Jacob woke from his sleep, he thought to himself, The Lord is definitely in this place, but I didn't know it. 17 He was terrified and thought, This sacred place is awesome. It's none other than God's house and the entrance to heaven.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude "In Christ Alone" - Camp/Moore

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: We gather as a people grounded in Scripture.

All: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

*Opening Hymn #173 UHM

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" vs. 1 & 3

*Prayer of Confession

All: Holy and Gracious God, every human was created in your image, and the root of every sin is denying that truth. Forgive us for ignoring your image in others and in ourselves. You created all things, and said it was good. Indeed, it was very good. Forgive us for the forgetting our original goodness. Forgive us for straying from the path of shalom that you set out before us. Help us to restore the peace, balance, and justice which you intend for our hearts, our communities, and all of Creation.

(Pause for silent reflection and confession)

One: Hear the Good News: Christ was born in love. Christ showed us how to love. 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 #408 UMH

"The Gift of Love" vs. 1

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 "Jacob's Ladder" - arr. K. McChesney

Two Rivers Handbell Choir

Be Grounded Testimonial : Nancy Schwegler

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 Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17(CEB)

Sermon Be Grounded: Jacob's Dream - Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Response Hymn #500 UMH

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart" vs. 1 & 3

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: Holy and Gracious God, we gather as a people grounded in Scripture. We are grounded in the Law, the Prophets, the Writings, the stories of Christ, and the letters and visions of the early Church. We thank you for the words of life which keep us rooted in your love, nurtured by your spirit, and growing in your grace. Help us to be like the tree planted by streams of water, every bearing fruit in its season. Amen.

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

*Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude "Thy Word" - Grant/Smith

* 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: _____