

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### New Contact Information:

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Opportunities to serve

#### Random acts of kindness:

- Send a card to a friend to brighten their day.
- Straighten out/organize the Two Rivers Little Free Pantry.
- Pray for the people, leadership, and ministry of Two Rivers Church.

#### Saturday Meal Site opportunities to serve:

- Donate new or used household items to Operation Safety Net.
- Provide grocery bags and/or gloves 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.
- Tech Support -Video recording, editing, sound board and /or slides. Get behind the scenes and help create a meaningful worship experience for those in the sanctuary and those watching from home.

## February 27, 2022 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— Classes Starting On March 6th!

**Adult Sunday School Class @ 10:30am— Asbury Parlor**

**Swahili Bible Study Class @10:30am—Swahili Class Room**

**Children & Youth Sunday School @ 10:30am—Epworth Hall**

**Discipleship Schedule** Starting this week, Monday Noon Bible Study will meet in-person in Epworth Hall. 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.

**Ash Wednesday Online Service** Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season. This year it falls on **March 2**. Instead of having a traditional service in the sanctuary, we will be creating an online video that will launch simultaneously from our website, YouTube, and our church's Facebook page at **6:00 pm**. Continuing a recent tradition, we will partner with Church of Peace (United Church of Christ) in producing this worship at home experience. Pastor Mariah Marlin Warfield and Pastor Robb will film their segments in their home. Music will be provided by members of both churches. The imposition of ashes will be do-it-yourself. People will be invited to use a burnt cork to apply the sign of the cross to your hand or forehead.

**Please be aware that this worship service is being recorded for at home viewing.** If you are sitting near the recording devices behind the last middle pew, please keep quiet as the service is being recorded starting with the prelude and ending after the postlude. Thank you!

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February 27, 2022  
Transfiguration Sunday



### John 9:1-25 (CEB)

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man who was blind from birth. Jesus' disciples asked, "Rabbi, who sinned so that he was born blind, this man or his parents?"

Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents. This happened so that God's mighty works might be displayed in him. While it's daytime, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

After he said this, he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and smeared the mud on the man's eyes. Jesus said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (this word means sent). So the man went away and washed. When he returned, he could see.

The man's neighbors and those who used to see him when he was a beggar said, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," and others said, "No, it's someone who looks like him. But the man said, "Yes, it's me!" So they asked him, "How are you now able to see?"

He answered, "The man they call Jesus made mud, smeared it on my eyes, and said, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and then I could see." They asked, "Where is this man?" He replied, "I don't know."

Then they led the man who had been born blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus made the mud and smeared it on the man's eyes on a Sabbath day. So Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. The man told them, "He put mud on my eyes, I washed, and now I see."

Some Pharisees said, "This man isn't from God, because he breaks the Sabbath law." Others said, "How can a sinner do miraculous signs like these?" So they were divided. Some of the Pharisees questioned the man who had been born blind again: "What do you have to say about him, since he healed your eyes?"

He replied, "He's a prophet." The Jewish leaders didn't believe the man had been blind and received his sight until they called for his parents. The Jewish leaders asked them, "Is this your son? Are you saying he was born blind? How can he now see?"

His parents answered, "We know he is our son. We know he was born blind. But we don't know how he now sees, and we don't know who healed his eyes. Ask him. He's old enough to speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jewish authorities. This is because the Jewish authorities had already decided that whoever confessed Jesus to be the Christ would be expelled from the synagogue.

That's why his parents said, "He's old enough. Ask him." Therefore, they called a second time for the man who had been born blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know this man is a sinner."

The man answered, "I don't know whether he's a sinner. Here's what I do know: I was blind and now I see."

## GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude "Sweet Redeemer" - Angrisano/Hart

Greeting

\*Call to Worship (adapted Psalm 66:1-5)

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name.

All: Give God glorious praise.

One: All the earth worships God; All of Creation sings praises to you.

All: Come and see what God has done.

\*Hymn #126 UMH "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" vs. 1 & 4

\*Prayer of Confession

All: O God of Epiphany your light shines and the darkness shall not overcome it. Shine your light upon the darkened recesses of our spirit. Shine upon the places of bitterness and long-held grudges. Shine upon the places of selfishness and deceit. Shine upon the places of self-doubt and self-loathing. Shine upon the doubtful and fearful places. Help us to enter your light of love and remember that the darkness shall not overcome it.

*(Pause for silent reflection and confession)*

One: Hear the good news: In the name of Jesus, the light of the world, you are forgiven.

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

\*Passing of the Peace

Spirit Hymn #397 UMH "I Need Thee Every Hour" 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.

## 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 9:1-25(CEB)

Sermon "Spiritual Blindness" - Rev. Robb McCoy

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Response Hymn #189 UMH "Fairest Lord Jesus" vs. 1 & 4

Offering Reflection and Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: God of Bread and Water, you meet us where we are. You offer us what we need. Your provision never runs dry.

All: You so love the world that you show us the way to life. You invite us to "Come and See" the joy of abundant life. We have seen you provide the Living Water. We have seen you share the Bread of Life. We have seen you heal an enemy's son. We have seen you restore vision to those who could not see. We pause to reflect on the wonders we have seen in our own lives. We pause to thank you for the ways we have experienced your love. We thank you for your blessings, grace, strength, and endurance. We respond in love and generosity, knowing that the best way to love you is to love one another.

*(pause for silent reflection and thanksgiving)*

One: We praise you Lord and thank you. We will make a joyful noise to God and sing the glory of God's name.

\*Hymn #398 "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult" vs. 1 & 5

\*Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude "There is a Longing" - Quigley

\* 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 first name only during our Wednesday online prayer service.

Please be in prayer for:

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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: \_\_\_\_\_