

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:

- Plant a flower, plant or tree in honor of Earth Day.
- Pray for the people, leadership, and ministry of Two Rivers Church.
- Pray for peace in the world.

Two Rivers Outreach Ministry opportunities:

- Donate new or used household items to Operation Safety Net.
- Provide grocery bags for Meal Site & Operation Safety Net
- Donate non-perishable food and hygiene products for our Little Free Pantry.

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.

April 24, 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—

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 Monday Noon Bible Study meets in-person in Epworth Hall every Monday at 12pm. Wednesday Noon Prayer & Devotion Time continues to meet on Facebook Live and Zoom. Zoom Meeting ID # for Wednesday is 961 006 728. The Zoom meeting 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.

Our Conference, Our Kids Sunday In order to raise the \$300,000 still needed to reach the original goal, Our Conference, Our Kids is launching: **SPRINT TO THE FINISH!** This effort will include an offering for Our Conference, Our Kids in every United Methodist Church in the Illinois Great Rivers Conference this Sunday, April 24. With your help, **SPRINT TO THE FINISH** will enable us to finish what we started by reaching and exceeding the 2.5-million-dollar goal prior to the Annual Conference. Thank you for stepping up for **OUR KIDS** once again in helping our conference agencies provide spiritual care for the children and families they serve!

May Madness Have you been looking for a reason to get active and moving again after the long winter? Then this old Two Rivers tradition will be a great motivator. For those not familiar with May Madness at Two Rivers, it is a month in which we as a congregation support, motivate and encourage each other to get active and have fun. We log miles each week and submit them to the church office to track our progress. Miles can be done by walking, running, biking, swimming or other physical activities. In addition to logging your miles for May Madness you are also invited to consider participating in The Project of the Quad Cities—Pride 5K: Walk, Run, Roll on June 12, 2022. Activity logging sheets will be available in the West Entrance and in the back of the sanctuary.

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



Donation QR Code

April 24, 2022
Second Sunday of Easter



John 20:19-31 (CEB)

It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.” Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven; if you don’t forgive them, they aren’t forgiven.”

Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn’t with the disciples when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, “We’ve seen the Lord!”

But he replied, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won’t believe.”

After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!”

Thomas responded to Jesus, “My Lord and my God!”

Jesus replied, “Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don’t see and yet believe.”

Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples’ presence, signs that aren’t recorded in this scroll. But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God’s Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude "The Heart of Worship" - Matt Redman

Greeting

Call to Worship

One: Christ the Lord is Risen Today

All: Hallelujah

One: Christ is Risen

All: He is Risen indeed!

*Opening Hymn #310 UMH

"He Lives" vs. 1 & 3

*Prayer of Confession

All: Christ the Lord is risen today. We joyfully proclaim the good news, yet we hold back. We hold back love. We hold back our excitement, faith, hospitality, courage, and our work of justice. We hold onto the inertia of the status quo, unwilling or unable to make the changes in our lives, communities, and world to reveal that Christ is risen. Forgive us for holding back. Empower us to not only be witnesses to Resurrection, but evidence of Resurrection.

(Pause for silent reflection and confession)

One: Jesus didn't wait for us to be perfect in faith and love. He is willing to die even while we are yet sinners. This proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, the resurrected One, you are forgiven.

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

*Passing of the Peace

Spirit Hymn #311 UMH

"Now the Green Blade Riseth" vs. 4

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

"Lift High the Cross"

UMH #159 - S.H. Nicholson / arr. J. Carter

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 20:19-31(CEB)

Sermon

Thomas Doubts

- Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Response Hymn #475 UMH

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

Prayer of Thanksgiving (adapted from the *UM Book of Worship Service of Committal* 155)

One: In the midst of life, we are in death. From whom can we seek help?

All: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth

One: God who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through the Spirit that dwells in you

All: Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting, but thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our risen Lord Jesus Christ.

(pause for silent reflection and thanksgiving)

*Doxology #94 UMH

*Blessing

*Closing Hymn #312 UMH

"Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise" vs. 1 & 2

Postlude

"He is Exalted"

- Twila Paris

* 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:

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: _____