

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:

- Write a letter to someone in a nursing home.
- 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.

September 4, 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 placed in the collection bowl at the front of the sanctuary 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 are on break for the summer.

Church Office Closed Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day.

Discipleship Schedule Monday Bible Study meets in-person every week in Epworth Hall at noon (No Bible study on Aug. 29 or Sept. 5). Wednesday Prayer & Devotion Time also continues to meet on Facebook Live and Zoom at noon every week. 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.

Amani Café Amani Café is a new ministry concept that is similar to the NEST Cafe model, but with members of Two Rivers Church and African food. The long-term dream is to open a non-profit restaurant in Rock Island that would employ and provide support to African immigrants in our community. On September 11, the Amani Cafe team will host a fundraiser lunch after worship at 11:00 a.m. All are invited to Epworth Hall to sample a meal of East African food. Donations can be made as a love offering to help get this Amani Cafe started.

Young Lions Roar This is an after school writing program that will launch on September 12 at Two Rivers Church. This program will take place on Mondays and Tuesdays after school from 3:30-5:30. with Aubrey Barnes as it's lead facilitator for students in grades 7-12. The program will help lead students through writing, poetry, song-writing, and rap and spoken-word performances. Aubrey has invited several guest teachers to be a part of the program. Volunteer opportunities are available for people to help with snacks, one-on-one listening, and group guides. If you have questions about what volunteers can do, please contact Pastor Robb.

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



Donation QR Code

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Matthew 25:31-46 (CEB)

“Now when the Human One comes in his majesty and all his angels are with him, he will sit on his majestic throne. All the nations will be gathered in front of him. He will separate them from each other, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right side. But the goats he will put on his left.

“Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who will receive good things from my Father. Inherit the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world began. I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.’

“Then those who are righteous will reply to him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’

“Then the king will reply to them, ‘I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Get away from me, you who will receive terrible things. Go into the unending fire that has been prepared for the devil and his angels. I was hungry and you didn’t give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you didn’t give me anything to drink. I was a stranger and you didn’t welcome me. I was naked and you didn’t give me clothes to wear. I was sick and in prison, and you didn’t visit me.’

“Then they will reply, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and didn’t do anything to help you?’ Then he will answer, ‘I assure you that when you haven’t done it for one of the least of these, you haven’t done it for me.’ And they will go away into eternal punishment. But the righteous ones will go into eternal life.”

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude "All the Things You Are" from *Very Warm for May*
- Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein II
Edgar Crockett Trio

Greeting

*Opening Hymn #152 UMH "Sing the Almighty Power of God" vs. 1 & 2

*Prayer of Confession adapted from Psalm 31

All: Lord our God, hear our prayer. We take refuge in you. Please never let us be put to shame. Rescue us by your righteousness. Listen closely to our cries. Deliver us from our despair. Have mercy on us. Our vision fails. Our bodies are frail. Our lives are consumed with sin and sadness. Strength fails. We entrust our spirit to your hands, O Lord God of faithfulness.

(Pause for silent reflection and confession)

One: Hear the good news, we may celebrate in God's faithful love. God has seen our suffering. God is intimately acquainted with our deep distress. God's mercy is for those who call upon God's name.

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

*Passing of the Peace

Spirit Hymn #119 UMH "O God in Heaven" vs. 1

Pastoral Prayer

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 Matthew 25:31-46 (CEB)

Sermon "Jesus' Last Story" - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Holy Communion

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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 "Corner of the Sky" from *Pippen*

- Stephen Schwartz and Roger O. Hirson
Edgar Crockett Trio

Invitation to Discipleship

*Doxology #94 UMH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: How great is the goodness that you have reserved for those who honor you. You hide us in the shelter of your wings.

All: Bless the Lord, because he has wondrously revealed his faithful love. God heard our request for mercy. God heard us when we cried out for help. We are faithful and love the Lord. We are thankful for God's protection. We will wait for the Lord with strength and courage.

(Pause for silent reflection and thanks)

One: Amen

*Closing Hymn #568 UMH "Christ for the World We Sing" vs. 2.& 3

*Blessing

Postlude "Blow, Gabriel, Blow" from *Anything Goes!*

- Cole Porter
Edgar Crockett Trio

* 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: _____