

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:

- Call a local school and pay off a child's lunch account.
- 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 blankets, hats and cheap cotton gloves to Operation Safety Net.
- Donate non-perishable food and hygiene products for our Little Free Pantry.

#### Worship team opportunities to serve:

- Liturgist**— Assist Pastor in readings and communion during worship.
- 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.

January 22, 2023

## 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.

**Adult Sunday School—10:45 am** (The Adult Sunday School Class will be joining the LGBTQ Inclusion Study lead by Pastor Robb in the back of the sanctuary)

**Kids Sunday School—10:45 am starts in Epworth Hall**

**Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am in the Swahili Class**

**Discipleship Schedule** Monday Bible Study meets in-person every week in Epworth Hall at noon. 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.

**Contribution statements 2022** Contribution statements are available today. You may pick up your statement from the table located in the back of the sanctuary. Any statements not picked up today will be mailed.

**Conversations around LGBTQ inclusion Jan. 8—Feb. 19** During the Sunday school hour, Pastor Robb will lead a discussion / 7-week study and writing process on LGBTQ Inclusion at the back of the sanctuary. Two Rivers Church member Viminda Shafer will assist in leading the discussions. After the study and writing process, we will enter a 28-day call to prayer for the entire congregation. The study portion of the process will utilize the Wesleyan Quadrilateral – a tool for theological and spiritual discernment as described in the United Methodist Book of Discipline.

Network: Two Rivers Sanctuary  
Password: TwoRivers2013  
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January 22, 2023  
Third Sunday of Epiphany



### Matthew 5:1-20 (CEB)

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up a mountain. He sat down and his disciples came to him. He taught them, saying:

“Happy are people who are hopeless, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

“Happy are people who grieve, because they will be made glad.

“Happy are people who are humble, because they will inherit the earth.

“Happy are people who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness, because they will be fed until they are full.

“Happy are people who show mercy, because they will receive mercy.

“Happy are people who have pure hearts, because they will see God.

“Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God's children.

“Happy are people whose lives are harassed because they are righteous, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

“Happy are you when people insult you and harass you and speak all kinds of bad and false things about you, all because of me. Be full of joy and be glad, because you have a great reward in heaven. In the same way, people harassed the prophets who came before you.

“You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? It's good for nothing except to be thrown away and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.

“Don't even begin to think that I have come to do away with the Law and the Prophets. I haven't come to do away with them but to fulfill them. I say to you very seriously that as long as heaven and earth exist, neither the smallest letter nor even the smallest stroke of a pen will be erased from the Law until everything there becomes a reality. Therefore, whoever ignores one of the least of these commands and teaches others to do the same will be called the lowest in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever keeps these commands and teaches people to keep them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. I say to you that unless your righteousness is greater than the righteousness of the legal experts and the Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

## GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE "This Little Light of Mine" - Loes

GREETING

\*OPENING HYMN #592 "When the Church of Jesus"

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All God of word and deed, you have laid out a path before us of love and peace, yet we have strayed. As a people we have faltered. We have failed to care for all. We have pursued idols that provide no meaning. We have forgotten our place in your Kingdom. We have missed the mark of your love and need to re-aim ourselves. You have called us to repent—to change our hearts and lives. Forgive us and restore us on your path. Help us to see your love more clearly and empower us to live out our calling in word and deed. Amen.

*Pause for silent reflection and confession*

One: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. This proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER HYMN #349 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

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.

ANTHEM "Blest are They" - Haas  
Two Rivers Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Your ministry of Word and Deed gave us instructions for life and empowered us to follow. Fill us with your Spirit as we hear your word and inspire us to follow with our actions as we go forth. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:1-20 (CEB)

SERMON The Beatitudes -Rev. Robb McCoy

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE HYMN #585 "This Little Light of Mine"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

\*CLOSING HYMN #257 "We Meet You, O Christ" vs 1 & 4  
*(all are invited to place your offering in the offering container at the front of the sanctuary as we sing our closing hymn)*

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: God of word and deed, we thank you for the ways you have taught us to live. We thank you for your teachings — the sermons, stories, and lessons that stir our minds. We thank you for your actions—the miracles, healings, and feeding that stir our hearts. We thank you for revealing to us your Way. We thank you for guiding us in word and deed. We thank you for providing for us in your Kingdom. Amen.

*Pause for silent reflection and thanksgiving*

\*DOXOLOGY

\*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "We Are the Light of the World" - Greif

\* 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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January 22, 2023



### 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: \_\_\_\_\_