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

New Contact Information:

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Opportunities to serve

Random acts of kindness:

- Invite a friend to the Ash Wednesday Service at Church of Peace.
- 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 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 for Lent and/or beyond**— Assist Pastor with readings and communion during worship.
- Greeter**— Greet people at the West parking lot.
- 4th Sunday 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 19, 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 at the end of the 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 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 will **NOT** meet on February 20 or 27, but will resume meeting in-person on **March 6** 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.

Two Rivers Readers The Two Rivers Readers will meet tomorrow, Monday, February 20 in the back of the sanctuary. Claudia Applegate will lead the discussion of "The Story of Edgar Sawtelle", a novel by David Wroblewski. As always, our group is safe and nonjudgmental, and our discussions are insightful, challenging, and a lot of fun. We'd love to have you join us!

Ash Wednesday The Lenten season will begin with a service for Ash Wednesday on **February 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of Peace**, United Church of Christ. Interim Pastor Jane Courtright and Pastor Robb McCoy will share the leadership of the service, with Robb preaching.

College Care Packages We are putting together college care packages to warm our students' hearts and fill their bellies! The weeks between the semester break and spring break can be pretty monotonous and lonely. So we are going to fill a package with goodies. If you would like to donate home-baked treats, gifts, or money to the cause, let us know. If you donate money please mark your donation "College Care" then we will spend the money on filling the packages and shipping them off. If you would like to make a gift of homemade treats, please deliver them to the church by **1pm on February 21**.

Adult Sunday School Next Sunday, February 26, the Adult Class will again meet in Asbury Parlor and will begin a six-session Lenten DVD study, "Entering the Passion of Jesus" by Amy-Jill Levine. All adults are welcome.

Network: Two Rivers Sanctuary
Password: TwoRivers2013
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February 19, 2023
Transfiguration Sunday



Matthew 16:24—17:8 (CEB)

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me will find them. Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? What will people give in exchange for their lives? For the Human One is about to come with the majesty of his Father with his angels. And then he will repay each one for what that person has done. I assure you that some standing here won't die before they see the Human One coming in his kingdom."

Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain. He was transformed in front of them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light.

Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus. Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, "Lord, it's good that we're here. If you want, I'll make three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, look, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son whom I dearly love. I am very pleased with him. Listen to him!" Hearing this, the disciples fell on their faces, filled with awe.

But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Open the Eyes of My Heart" - Michael Smith

GREETING

*OPENING HYMN #173 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" vs 1 & 3

*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 "Fairest Lord Jesus" - McDonald / "Beautiful Savior" - Morgan
Two Rivers Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Holy and gracious God, 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 16:24—17:8 (CEB)

INTERLUDE "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"
Afro-American Spiritual, arr. John Carter UMH 402
Nancy Schwegler, piano

SERMON Guest Speaker, Viminda Shafer

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE HYMN #415 "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said" vs 1 & 4

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*OFFERING 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 Offering 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 "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever" - Martin 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 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: _____