

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:

- Invite a friend to our "Songs That Inspire" concert, April 16 at 2:00 pm.
- 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.
- Donate non-perishable food, hygiene products and rain gear for our Little Free Pantry.

Worship team opportunities to serve:

- Liturgist** – Assist Pastor with readings and communion during worship.
- Greeter**– Greet people at the West parking lot.
- 4th Sunday Usher**—Open the church for Sunday worship, make coffee, greet people as they come into the service, and 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 9, 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 in Asbury Parlor

Family Sunday School—10:45 am starts in Epworth Hall

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

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY, APRIL 9.

There will be a kids Easter egg hunt and bunny meet and greet in Epworth Hall after worship this morning.

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.

Welcoming Statement Workshop As a part of our ongoing Reconciling Conversations, two writing workshops were scheduled in April. The first workshop was held on Monday, April 3. At that workshop, those who gathered began crafting our own welcome and mission statement. The second and final Welcoming Statement Workshop will be on Wednesday, **April 12 at 5:30 pm**. Everyone is invited to participate in this writing workshop.

Young Lions Roar Showcase Young Lions Roar, an after school poetry group that has been meeting at Two Rivers Church since last fall, will present a showcase of student work at Two Rivers on Saturday, **April 15 at 7:00 p.m.** The showcase will feature spoken word poetry from the students and teachers of Young Lions Roar.

Easter Concert "Songs that Inspire" On April 16th, Two Rivers Church will host a concert called "Songs that Inspire". For this concert a number of our musicians have been asked to come up with a small collection of songs that speak to their hearts, that inspire them to make music. Performing in this concert will be our own Harold Truitt, Olinda Gunther, Nancy Schwegler, Tamara Baugh, Mark Swessinger and Mary Ellen Carroll. Pastor Robb McCoy will be making his pianistic debut playing music by Beethoven. Also invited are a number of guest musicians including Marc Zyla of the Quad City Symphony. Join us on **April 16th at 2:00** for "Songs that Inspire," a collection of music that will speak to your soul.

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



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April 9, 2023
Easter Sunday



Matthew 28:1-10 (CEB)

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the tomb. Look, there was a great earthquake, for an angel from the Lord came down from heaven. Coming to the stone, he rolled it away and sat on it. Now his face was like lightning and his clothes as white as snow. The guards were so terrified of him that they shook with fear and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He isn't here, because he's been raised from the dead, just as he said. Come, see the place where they laid him. Now hurry, go and tell his disciples, 'He's been raised from the dead. He's going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.' I've given the message to you."

With great fear and excitement, they hurried away from the tomb and ran to tell his disciples. But Jesus met them and greeted them. They came and grabbed his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid. Go and tell my brothers that I am going into Galilee. They will see me there."

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

April 9, 2023



PRELUDE "Alleluia, Love is Alive" - Angrisano

GREETING

One: Christ is Risen.

All: Christ is Risen indeed!

*OPENING HYMN #302 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Liturgists—Ellie McCoy, Liam Muir, & Charles Cooley

*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, and our work of justice. We hold onto the comfort 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 be not only 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 THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER HYMN #322 "Up From the Grave He Arose" (refrain)

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM "Easter Morning Alleluias" - Fetke
Two Rivers Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION -Grundy

All: More light; more truth is breaking from your word. More light; more truth. Holy Spirit, help us hear what needs to be heard. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 28:1-10 Common English Bible

SERMON The Empty Tomb - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

HOLY COMMUNION Musical responses found on page 17

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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

(All are invited to place your offering in the offering container at the front of the sanctuary as we sing our offering hymn)

*OFFERING HYMN #308 "Thine Be the Glory"

*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.

*DOXOLOGY #95

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "Rise Up" - Vogt

* 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: _____