

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:

- Give a word of encouragement to a mother in your life.
- 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.

## May 14, 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**

**Adult Sunday School** The Adult Class study of the Book of Acts continues with Session 4, "Opposition." Author Matthew Skinner helps us explore six key ways this book illustrates what is the work of the church and the challenges of living faithfully in a changing world. Come join us at 10:45 Sundays in Asbury Parlor.

**Discipleship Schedule** Our noon Monday Bible Study will not meet for the rest of May. We will resume meeting in-person every week in Epworth Hall on June 5th. Wednesday Prayer & Devotion Time will also not meet again until the week of June 5th on Facebook Live and Zoom at noon. 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.

**Pastor Robb McCoy at Festival of Homiletics** May 15-19th Pastor Robb will be in Minnesota at this year's Festival of Homiletics. This is a week long event that brings together outstanding preachers and professors of homiletics to inspire a discourse about preaching, worship and culture. We wish him safe travels and good times for the week. In addition, he will also be taking some much deserved time off the week of May 21st with the exception of May 25th for our Dinner Church event.

**Dinner Church** On May 25 at 6:00 p.m., Jose and Sarah from the QC Coffee and Pancake House will provide a wonderful meal. We will share it together and experience Resurrection through the breaking of bread together. There is no cost for the dinner, we are asking people to register ahead of time so we have a good idea of how many people will be in attendance. The purpose of this event is to help build a feeling of community through food and worship. Following something similar to our Maundy Thursday Pot-Luck worship, the meal will include prayers, music, Biblical reflection, and Communion.

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Password: TwoRivers2013  
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May 14, 2023  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Romans 3:27-30; 5:1-11 (CEB)

What happens to our bragging? It's thrown out. With which law? With what we have accomplished under the Law? No, not at all, but through the law of faith. We consider that a person is treated as righteous by faith, apart from what is accomplished under the Law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Isn't God the God of Gentiles also? Yes, God is also the God of Gentiles. Since God is one, then the one who makes the circumcised righteous by faith will also make the one who isn't circumcised righteous through faith.

Therefore, since we have been made righteous through his faithfulness, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We have access by faith into this grace in which we stand through him, and we boast in the hope of God's glory. But not only that! We even take pride in our problems, because we know that trouble produces endurance, endurance produces character, and character produces hope. This hope doesn't put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

While we were still weak, at the right moment, Christ died for ungodly people. It isn't often that someone will die for a righteous person, though maybe someone might dare to die for a good person. But God shows his love for us, because while we were still sinners Christ died for us. So, now that we have been made righteous by his blood, we can be even more certain that we will be saved from God's wrath through him. If we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son while we were still enemies, now that we have been reconciled, how much more certain is it that we will be saved by his life? And not only that: we even take pride in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, the one through whom we now have a restored relationship with God.

# GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Ave Maria" - Schubert

GREETING

LITANY FOR MOTHERS - See Insert

\*OPENING HYMN #384 UMH "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Liturgist—Charlotte Peterson

All: Holy, Risen Lord, in your last moments, you gave us a job to do. We are to teach the world to obey all that you commanded. Yet how are we supposed to teach others when we fail to obey ourselves? We don't practice the radical love that you showed. Forgive us for ignoring your command to love one another. Forgive us for failing to live into the Kingdom that you established. Empower us to be examples of your love in the world. Empower your Church to be the shining light set on a lampstand so all may see your love.

Pause for silent reflection and confession

One: When Jesus commissioned us to service, he also gave us a promise. He will be with us until the very end of the age. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, who is present still, we are forgiven. Amen.

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER HYMN #322 "Up From the Grave He Arose" (v. 1 and refrain)

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 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" - Lovelace

Two Rivers Sanctuary Choir

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

-Grundy

Lyrics: More Light, more truth  
Is Breaking from your Word.  
More Light, more truth.  
Holy Spirit, help us hear what needs to be heard.

SCRIPTURE Romans 3:27-30; 5:1-11 Common English Bible

INTERLUDE "Wherever I May Wander" - arr. Sondra Tucker  
Two Rivers Handbell Choir

SERMON God's Love Poured Out - Rev. Robb McCoy

# RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE HYMN #475 "Come Down, O Love Divine"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

\*OFFERING HYMN #327 "Crown Him With Many Crowns" v. 1-2  
(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 (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 #94

\*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "God With Us" -Hart/Thompson

\* 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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May 14, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Litany For Mothers

One: All who gather here are sons or daughters.

**All: We praise God for the women who gave us life.**

One: For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,

**All: We give God thanks and praise.**

One: For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,

**All: We pray for peace.**

One: For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy,

**All: We pray for healing.**

One: For mothers who have died, that live no longer with us, but  
whose light shines on in our hearts and memories,

**All: We pray for those that mourn, and give God thanks for life eternal.**

One: For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn,

**All: We weep with those with broken hearts.**

One: For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired and weary,

**All: We pray that we may be their village, offering real help in hard times.**

One: For those who are preparing emptier nests,

**All: We both celebrate and mourn with you, and hope their wings are as strong as their roots are deep.**

One: For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family,

**All: We pray for wisdom and patience.**

One: For Grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again,

**All: We pray the caregivers have those who care for them.**

One: For those who are waiting and sometimes struggling with the biological process to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for adoptive process to be fulfilled.

**All: We wait eagerly with you, and offer you our hand to hold in the trial.**

One: For women who do not have children, but instead teach, lead, care for, and guide the children of others,

**All: We give God thanks and praise.**

One: For the mothers, sisters, daughters in our midst and around the world. For the women who, created in the image of God, give not just life, but abundant life. For women fighting, struggling, and sweating for the sake of others. For women caring, compassionate, and crying with the heart of Christ. For the caregivers, teachers, leaders, shepherds, healers. For Moms, in their wide variety and many forms,

**All: We give God thanks and praise.**