

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:

- Volunteer on Sat. May 27 from 9-11am to help weed and place mulch around the church.
- 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 21, 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 5, "Saints around the edges". 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 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.

**Pastor Robb McCoy on Vacation** Pastor Robb will be taking some much deserved time off this week with the exception of May 25th for our Dinner Church event.

**Dinner Church** On May 25 at 6:00 p.m., 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. The meal will include prayers, music, Biblical reflection, and Communion.

**Pentecost** Reminder that next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is the celebration of the birth of the Church. It is the day that we remember when the Holy Spirit came upon the first disciples, pushing them out into the world to share the good news of Jesus Christ. It is also a tradition to wear red on Pentecost Sunday.

**We Care Gift Bags** Sunday, June 4 will be the day to pick up "We Care" gift bags for our homebound members. Please contact the office before May 28 if any homebound is diabetic or has any allergies, so we can include the appropriate treats for each diet. If anyone wishes to make a monetary contribution to this worthy cause, please send your contribution to the church office by May 28 and designate that it's for the "We Care" gift bags. Once again, volunteers will be needed to help with the delivery of these gift bags. If you would like to help with delivery, please call or leave a message to: Judy Shryack at (309)798-9300.

**Meal Site Need** Our Saturday Meal Site and Operation Safety Net Ministry is in need of plastic grocery bags. You can donate our grocery bags anytime during normal office hours or on Sunday mornings. Please place the bags on the counter in the kitchen.

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



Donation QR Code

May 21, 2023  
Seventh Sunday of Easter



### Romans 8:35-39

Who will separate us from Christ's love? Will we be separated by trouble, or distress, or harassment, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

*We are being put to death all day long for your sake.  
We are treated like sheep for slaughter.*

But in all these things we win a sweeping victory through the one who loved us. I'm convinced that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord: not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things, not powers or height or depth, or any other thing that is created.

### Romans 10:9-13

Because if you confess with your mouth "Jesus is Lord" and in your heart you have faith that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Trusting with the heart leads to righteousness, and confessing with the mouth leads to salvation. The scripture says, All who have faith in him won't be put to shame. There is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives richly to all who call on him. All who call on the Lord's name will be saved.



# GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Sing to the Mountains" - Bob Dufford

GREETING - Mark Swessinger

\*OPENING HYMN #310 UMH "He Lives!" vs. 1 & 3

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Liturgist—The Muir Family

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 "Alive in Christ" - Berry  
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 8:35-39 & 10:9-13 (CEB)

INTERLUDE "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" - C.G. Glaser/arr. J. Carter  
UMH 57, Tune: AZMON  
Nancy Schwegler, piano solo

SERMON Guest Preacher, Rev. Lisa Wiedman

# RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE HYMN #609 "You Have Put on Christ" x3

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 "Alleluia, Love is Alive" - Angrisano, Manibusan and Hart

\* 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:

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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: \_\_\_\_\_