

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:

- Purchase a gift for 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 7, 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.

Roger Pohlman's 90th Birthday Celebration Please join Roger and his family after service in the back of the sanctuary this morning for cake and conversation to help celebrate Roger's 90th birthday. Happy Birthday Roger!

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.

Fill the Wagon Sunday today is 'Fill the Wagon Sunday' for our Little Free Pantry. We are asking the congregation to help fill a little wagon in the sanctuary with items for the Little Free Panty. Pick up a list of suggested item today from the back table in sanctuary or on your way out in the west entrance.

Argrow's House Pop-up Shop Argrow's House is a healing house that offers free services for survivors of domestic violence and abuse. It's also a social enterprise, which hires survivors to create bath and body products that are sold online and in local stores. This morning after worship they will be having a Mother's Day Pop-up shop in the back of the sanctuary. They will be featuring the following products. Argrow's House Bath and Body Mother's Day Gift Sets (Bath and Body), Island Handcraft Crystal Earrings (Charleston, SC), Hon's Honey (Baltimore, MD), Thistle Farms Candles (Nashville, TN), New Hope Girls Handbags (Dominican Republic), and Vi Bella Jewelry (Mexico and Haiti).

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



Donation QR Code



May 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Romans 1:1-17 (CEB)

From Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for God's good news. God promised this good news about his Son ahead of time through his prophets in the holy scriptures. His Son was descended from David. He was publicly identified as God's Son with power through his resurrection from the dead, which was based on the Spirit of holiness. This Son is Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him we have received God's grace and our appointment to be apostles. This was to bring all Gentiles to faithful obedience for his name's sake. You who are called by Jesus Christ are also included among these Gentiles.

To those in Rome who are dearly loved by God and called to be God's people.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

First of all, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because the news about your faithfulness is being spread throughout the whole world. I serve God in my spirit by preaching the good news about God's Son, and God is my witness that I continually mention you in all my prayers. I'm always asking that somehow, by God's will, I might succeed in visiting you at last. I really want to see you to pass along some spiritual gift to you so that you can be strengthened. What I mean is that we can mutually encourage each other while I am with you. We can be encouraged by the faithfulness we find in each other, both your faithfulness and mine.

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that I planned to visit you many times, although I have been prevented from coming until now. I want to harvest some fruit among you, just as I have done among the other Gentiles. I have a responsibility both to Greeks and to those who don't speak Greek, both to the wise and to the foolish.

That's why I'm ready to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome. I'm not ashamed of the gospel: it is God's own power for salvation to all who have faith in God, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. God's righteousness is being revealed in the gospel, from faithfulness for faith, as it is written, The righteous person will live by faith.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Your Grace is Enough" - Matt Maher

GREETING

*OPENING HYMN #103 UMH "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Liturgist—Ellie McCoy

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

ANTHEM "One Faith, One God" - Page 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 1:1-17 Common English Bible

SERMON Gospel as Salvation - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

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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.

COMMUNION MUSIC "Great is Thy Faithfulness" - Thomas Chisolm

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP
Presentation on Argrow's House

*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 "Grateful" -Tomaszek
* 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: _____