



Psalm 23

(Robert Alter translation)

A David psalm.

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

In grass meadows He makes me lie down,

by quiet waters guides me.

My life He brings back.

He leads me on pathways of justice for His name's sake.

Though I walk in the vale of death's shadow, I fear no harm, for You are with me.

Your rod and your staff — it is they that console me.

You set out a table before me in the face of my foes.

You moisten my head with oil, my cup overflows. Let but goodness and kindness pursue me all the days of my life.

And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for many long days.

June 18, 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.

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

Discipleship Schedule NO MONDAY BIBLE STUDY OR WEDNESDAY PRAYER/DEVO GROUP THIS WEEK. 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.

Youth Group at Era Studio Two Rivers UMC Youth are invited to join in an afternoon of fun and art at Era Studio on June 22 from 1-3pm. Please register at tinyurl.com/TwoRiversSummer so that he group can plan accordingly.

Reconciling Sunday As a response to our congregational approval vote to join the Reconciling Ministries Network last week, **June 25** will be designated as our Reconciling Sunday to celebrate the decision for inclusivity and welcome. Guests are encouraged to wear a rainbow to worship. We're hoping to have some guest speakers, cake, and lots of are Pride décor! Pleas join us for this wonderful celebration.

Pastor Robb and Ellie McCoy going to Camp Please be in prayer for Pastor Robb and his daughter, Ellie has they head down to southern Illinois this week to attend youth camp at Little Grassy UMC Camp . Pastor Robb will be going as the camp preacher and Ellie will be attending as a camper. We wish them both a safe and meaningful camp experience.

John Deere Classis Birdies For Charity By using Birdie #2399 – Two Rivers UMC Camp Milan Retreat Center you can direct your pledge to Camp Milan. If you have ever been a guest at Camp Milan, you know what a special place it is. You also know that there are many ways that we can improve the quality of the facility and make sure that Camp Milan continues to thrive for years to come. Please pick up a pledge form located in the back of the sanctuary or in the West Entrance. Pledges received in the Birdies for Charity office before June 16 will be entered into a grand prize drawing. You can win a new Lexus! All pledges must be received by July 7. After all the pledges are made, Birdies for Charity will then send us a check with all of the gifts with at least 5% added. So your \$100 gift to Birdies will come to Camp Milan as \$105. So please, consider supporting Camp Milan Meeting and Retreat Center.

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:

- Do something nice for a father 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.

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



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GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE “My Shepherd, You Supply My Need” - F. Bock/R. Summers
(Hymn tune: RESIGNATION)
Nancy Schwegler, piano

GREETING

LITANY FOR FATHER’S DAY - See Insert

*OPENING HYMN #368 UMH “My Hope Is Built” vs. 1-3

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

All: God, your name means justice. Your name means peace. You reveal the power of your name as you lead us on the path of justice and peace. But all too often we choose our own path. Instead of compassion, generosity, and grace; we choose apathy, hoarding, and bitterness. Forgive us for the systems that we have built on fear of scarcity. Instead of trampling on the poor and oppressed, help us to walk in paths of righteousness. Empower us to live according to your Way.

Pause for silent reflection and confession

One: Hear the good news! God is the Good Shepherd who will search for the sheep, even when they are lost. In Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and empowered. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER HYMN #136 “The Lord’s my Shepherd” vs. 3

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING “God is My Shepherd” - Antonin Dvorak
Mark Swessinger, baritone

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Holy God, open our hearts to the story of your love. Open our minds to new ways of knowing you. Open our doors for all whom you would welcome. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 23 (Robert Alter translation)

SERMON *Psalm 23: Love is the Right Path* - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE HYMN #2158 FWS “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

REPORT ON ANNUAL CONFERENCE - Charlotte Peterson

*OFFERING HYMN #188 “Christ is the World’s Light” vs. 1 & 4
(All are invited to place your offering and the detached part of the bulletin in the offering container at the front of the sanctuary as we sing)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: O God our God, you are the good shepherd. You provide all that we need. You bring us to Sabbath rest and restore us to right relationship. You create space for peace to grow and empower us to work for justice. You guide us through difficult times and shed light upon our path. Thank you for pursuing us with goodness and mercy. Thank you for your eternal love. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY #94

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” - J. Hughes/C. Berry

* 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: _____