

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:

- Donate bottled water to the Little Free Pantry.
- 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.
- 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.

Welcome Statement



From the beginning of the Jesus movement, followers of Christ declared that there is no Jew or Greek, no slave or free, nor is there male and female. We, the people of Two Rivers United Methodist Church join in this movement of the Holy Spirit and declare that we celebrate the diversity of our neighborhood and the world.

We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual and affectional orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We believe that the body of Christ is more vital in its ministry when the whole diversity of the human family may enjoy full participation and leadership in the Church.

We welcome all who have known the pain of exclusion or discrimination in the Church and society, and acknowledge the pain caused by the exclusionary policies of the United Methodist Church. We will continue to work toward a more inclusive Church and invite you to join us in following Jesus Christ on the Way, marked by greater hospitality, kindness, justice, peace, understanding, and mutual respect.

Announcements for July 30, 2023

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

Discipleship Schedule Monday Bible Study will not meet again until Monday, July 17 in Epworth Hall at noon. Wednesday Prayer & Devotion Time meets 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.

The Gospel According to Broadway Returns Starting next Sunday we will be featuring music from The Wizard of Oz, Fiddler on the Roof, The Full Monty, Children of Eden, Lost in the Stars, Godspell and Rent. The performers will come from the stages of the Quad City Music Guild, the Spotlight Theater, The Black Box Theater, and other theaters throughout the area. We are excited to bring you on this musical journey with us again for the months of July, August and into September. Invite your friends, your neighbors, your co-workers, and the stranger walking down the street to this great musical sermon series. Sit back, relax, for the curtain is about to rise on The Gospel According to Broadway, Reprise!

Liturgist Needed If you would like to be a part of the worship experience and assist Pastor Robb with readings and possibly communion, please sign up for a Sunday or more on the sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

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



Donation QR Code



Psalm 139 (CEB)

Lord, you have examined me. You know me.
You know when I sit down and when I stand up. Even from far away, you comprehend my plans.
You study my traveling and resting. You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways. There isn't a word on my tongue, Lord, that you don't already know completely. You surround me—front and back. You put your hand on me.
That kind of knowledge is too much for me; it's so high above me that I can't reach it
Where could I go to get away from your spirit? Where could I go to escape your presence?
If I went up to heaven, you would be there.
If I went down to the grave, you would be there too!
If I could fly on the wings of dawn, stopping to rest only on the far side of the ocean — even there your hand would guide me; even there your strong hand would hold me tight!
If I said, "The darkness will definitely hide me; the light will become night around me," even then the darkness isn't too dark for you! Nighttime would shine bright as day, because darkness is the same as light to you!
You are the one who created my innermost parts; you knit me together while I was still in my mother's womb.
I give thanks to you that I was marvelously set apart. Your works are wonderful—I know that very well.
My bones weren't hidden from you when I was being put together in a secret place, when I was being woven together in the deep parts of the earth.
Your eyes saw my embryo, and on your scroll every day was written that was being formed for me] before any one of them had yet happened.
God, your plans are incomprehensible to me!
Their total number is countless!
If I tried to count them—they outnumber grains of sand!
If I came to the very end—I'd still be with you.
If only, God, you would kill the wicked!
If only murderers would get away from me—the people who talk about you, but only for wicked schemes; the people who are your enemies, who use your name as if it were of no significance.
Don't I hate everyone who hates you? Don't I despise those who attack you? Yes, I hate them—through and through! They've become my enemies too.

Examine me, God! Look at my heart! Put me to the test! Know my anxious thoughts!
Look to see if there is any idolatrous way in me, then lead me on the eternal path!

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

July 30, 2023



PRELUDE "The Heart of Worship" - Redman /arr. Hayes

GREETING

*OPENING HYMN #89 UMH "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Laura Jean Truman (A Rhythm of Prayer)

All: God, sometimes we feel like Dorothy. Frustrated, trapped, taken for granted, and misunderstood, we want to run. We seek greener pastures. Sometimes we feel like the Scarecrow, scrambling for a brain, unable to understand what is happening in our world. Sometimes we feel like the Tin Man, hardened by the passage of time and the hurt of the world. Sometimes we feel like the Lion, cowardly in the face of wicked forces. Forgive us for running from your presence. Forgive us for failing to recognize your image in ourselves and in others. Help us to follow you back home.

Pause for silent reflection and confession

One: Hear the Good News: God's love is more real than the wonderful wizard. The breath of life and the image of God is revealed in us all.

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

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER HYMN #492 UMH "Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire" vs. 1 & 6

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Holy God, just like the world of color burst onto the screen when Dorothy stepped out of her house, may your Spirit explode from your Word as we hear again your story of salvation. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 139 (CEB)

MUSICAL OFFERING "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" - Arlen Harold Truitt, soloist

SERMON The Gospel According to Broadway: The Wizard of Oz - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE HYMN #480 UMH "O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go" vs. 1, 2, & 3

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*OFFERING HYMN #701 UMH "When We All Get to Heaven" vs. 1 & 3

(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: God of song and dance, you are worthy of our worship and praise. We thank you for showing us the way home. We thank you for guiding us through tradition and upheaval. We are grateful for the good gifts that you provide. Help us to listen to your still small voice. Thank you for lighting in us a spark of creation that calls us to build, reach, and find every last star. We will respond to your love by living every minute of the year, all five hundred twenty five thousand, six hundred of them, trying to love you, love one another, and love ourselves.

*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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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: _____