

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

- First time guest
- Returning guest
- Member
- Interested in membership or Baptism

**New Contact Information:**

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Opportunities to serve**

What future sermon series idea sounds more interesting to you:

- "Do I Stay Christian?" An exploration of faith and doubt. This will take a hard look at the difficulty of being a Christian, mistakes that have been made, and forging a way forward. Inspired by the book of the same name by Brian McLaren.
- "Cutting Edge" A look at the leading edge of science, theology, and society. What are the implications of AI? How has the James Webb telescope changed our understanding?
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_


**Two Rivers Outreach Ministry opportunities:**

- Donate new or used household items to Operation Safety Net.
- Donate non-perishable food and hygiene products to our Little Free Pantry.

**Worship team opportunities to serve:**

- Sunday Usher**—Open the church for Sunday worship, make coffee, greet people as they come into the service, and help with offering and Communion.

**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 August 20, 2023**

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

**Discipleship Schedule** Monday Bible Study meets every Monday 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.

**Sanctuary Choir and Bell Choir:** If you are interested in making beautiful music with good friends, consider being a part of our sanctuary choir or bell choir. No experience necessary. Choir rehearsals begin August 23rd and Bell Choir begins the next week on August 30th.

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Greeters
8/20	Tamara Baugh	Dick & Kala Lee, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/
8/27	Virginia Payton	Doug Stephens,	Larry Dalton/
9/3	Ellie McCoy	Candy Canik & Dave Dehnel	Larry Dalton/
9/10	Charlotte Peterson	Gerry Etzel, Roger Pohlman, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/
9/17		Dick & Kala Lee, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/

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Password: TwoRivers2013  
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**1 Kings 19:11-13 (CEB)**

The LORD said, "Go out and stand at the mountain before the LORD. The LORD is passing by." A very strong wind tore through the mountains and broke apart the stones before the LORD. But the LORD wasn't in the wind. After the wind, there was an earthquake. But the LORD wasn't in the earthquake. After the earthquake, there was a fire. But the LORD wasn't in the fire. After the fire, there was a sound. Thin. Quiet. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his coat. He went out and stood at the cave's entrance. A voice came to him and said, "Why are you here, Elijah?"

# GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

August 20, 2023



PRELUDE "Surely the Presence" -Wolfe

GREETING

\*OPENING HYMN #463UMH "Lord, Speak to Me" vs. 1, 4 & 5

\*PRAYER OF LAMENTATION (based on "Scrap" by David Yazbek)

All: Oh God, sometimes I feel like little more than scrap. All I want is to feel like a person instead of a slob. I want to wake up knowing I'm going anywhere but no where. I want a life. I want to feel like I have purpose. I want to get some sleep when I go to bed instead of lying there digging through the garbage in my head. But too often I feel like scrap. For so long I feel like scrap.

(Pause for silent reflection and lamentation)

One: "But now, this is what the LORD says, 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name. You are mine.'" Turn and greet one another as precious children of God, made beautiful in God's own image.

\*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.

HYMN #358 UMH "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" vs. 1, 2 & 4

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Reveal to us your will through the reading and hearing of the Scriptures. Speak to us through your still small voice and the sound of silence. Amen.

SCRIPTURE 1 Kings 19:11-13 (CEB)

SERMON The Gospel According to Broadway: The Full Monty - Rev. Robb McCoy

MUSICAL OFFERING "You'll Walk With Me" - The Full Monty/Yazbeck  
Andy Sederquist & Daniel Williams

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

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 our selves. Amen.

\*DOXOLOGY #94

\*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "Sing to the Mountains" - Dufford

\* You are invited to stand as you are able.  
FWS -The Faith We Sing (black hymnal)  
UMH- United Methodist Hymnal (red hymnal)

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_