

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

### New Contact Information

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Opportunities to Serve

#### Volunteer opportunities:

- Be a part of a team that will adopt a family from World Relief.
- Help serve at Saturday meal site.

#### Outreach opportunities:

- Donate used grocery bags for use at Meal Site.**
- Donate household items to Operation Safety Net (pots, pans, dishes, appliances, etc.)
- Donate non-perishable food items, water and hygiene items to the Little Free Pantry.

#### Worship volunteers:

- Liturgist** – Assist Pastor with readings and communion during worship.
- 2nd & 4th Sunday Ushers** —Open the church for Sunday worship and make coffee. Take offerings in bank bag to bank depository.
- Counters** - Monday mornings, help take account of Sunday offering (Must be a member of the church in good standing for at least 6 months.)



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

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 April 27, 2025

**Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am in the Swahili Classroom**

**Adult Sunday School - 10:45 am in the Asbury Parlor**

**Youth/Kids Sunday School - 10:45 am in Fellowship Hall**

**No Sunday School today. There will be an informational session on World Relief in Asbury Parlor.**

**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 dialing 312-626-6799. Once connected, dial the Meeting ID # 961 006 728, and you will join in the conversation.

**World Relief** Today we are honored to welcome a guest speaker during our worship service. They will share the inspiring work that World Relief Quad Cities is doing to support and welcome refugees in our community. Additionally, they will provide information on how our church can contribute to these efforts. After the service, join us in Asbury Parlor during the Sunday School hour for a more in-depth discussion.

**Adult Sunday School Study** Starting Sunday, May 4th, the Adult Sunday School class will commence a five-week study of Max Lucado's *Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World*. All are welcome to join this enriching program.

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April 27, 2025 – First Sunday of Easter

John 13:1-9, 12-17, 34-35

Before the Festival of Passover, Jesus knew that his time had come to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them fully.

Jesus and his disciples were sharing the evening meal. The devil had already provoked Judas, Simon Iscariot's son, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew the Father had given everything into his hands and that he had come from God and was returning to God. So he got up from the table and took off his robes. Picking up a linen towel, he tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a washbasin and began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he was wearing.

When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus replied, "You don't understand what I'm doing now, but you will understand later."

"No!" Peter said. "You will never wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't have a place with me."

Simon Peter said, "Lord, not only my feet but also my hands and my head!"

After he washed the disciples' feet, he put on his robes and returned to his place at the table. He said to them, "Do you know what I've done for you? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you speak correctly, because I am. If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you too must wash each other's feet. I have given you an example: Just as I have done, you also must do. I assure you, servants aren't greater than their master, nor are those who are sent greater than the one who sent them. Since you know these things, you will be happy if you do them.

"I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love one another."

## GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE "Journey Home" - Patricia L. Harris

### GREETING

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP, Liturgist: Tamara Baugh**

One: We are an Easter people, gathered in the name of the one who is Risen.

**All: Christ is risen indeed!**

One: We are an Easter people, we raise our voices for we know that death could not hold Jesus. Death cannot hold us.

**All: For Christ is risen indeed!**

One: We are an Easter people, and we raise this resurrection song

**All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.**

**\*HYMN #304 UMH "Easter People Raise Your Voices"**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: God of Resurrection, as you gathered with your disciples and gave them final instructions, you showed them what it means to be great in the Kingdom of God by taking on the role of the servant and washing their feet. Forgive our unwillingness to kneel in humility, deny our own privilege, and take up our cross to serve. Forgive us also for when, like Peter, we think we are unworthy of being served. It is difficult to let go of control and allow someone else to love us as you commanded. Free us from sin, and free us to serve and be served. Free us to love and be loved.**

*<Pause for silent confession and reflection>*

One: Hear the good news: Jesus knelt at the feet of his denier and his betrayer. He knew the cost of loving and forgiving us - and does so anyway. .

**All: We are washed in the name of Jesus. The breath of God renews us all. Amen.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

Prayer Song #420 "Breathe On Me Breath of God" vs. 1

### 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

**CHORAL ANTHEM "Praise We Sing to Thee" - Haydn**

## PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**All: Holy Spirit, bless the reading and hearing of this sacred text. Speak through these words and reveal to us the living Word of Christ. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE John 13:1-9, 12-17, 34-35 (CEB)**

**HYMN #432 "Jesu, Jesu"**

**SERMON Prayer, Trust, Hope: the favorite hymns of Mark "Jesu, Jesu" - Rev. Robb McCoy**

## RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

**RESPONSE HYMN #480 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"**

### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*Guest Speaker from World Relief, George Carizey*

**\*HYMN #57 UMH "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" 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**

One: One voice, one mouth, one tongue does not feel like enough to praise our risen Lord. My praise alone feels inadequate. I need the help of the Church.

**All: O for a thousand tongues to sing my great redeemer's praise!**

One: I praise God for the glory of Resurrection. I stand in awe of the victory Christ has won.

**All: The glories of my God and King, the triumph of his grace.**

One: I wish I could share with all the world the joy I feel today. I need the Holy Spirit to give me the right words to describe the grace of Jesus.

**All: My gracious master and my God, assist me to proclaim**

One: May every corner of the world know that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

**All: To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of thy name. Amen.**

**\*DOXOLOGY #94 UMH**

**\*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE Fantasia on "Kingsfold" - David Paxton**

*\*=please rise if you are able*

*UMH = United Methodist Hymnal. You can use the red books in front of you.*

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## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/27/2025

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Prayers for our Church and its ministry:

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Prayers for people I know:

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I have permission to publish this prayer.

I do not have permission to publish this prayer.

Prayers for the community/world:

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Prayers for myself:

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