

Upcoming Events and Information

Wednesdays	Disciples Study (Zoom)	9:30 am
Thursdays	Thurs. Fellowship Study (Fellowship Hall)	6:45pm
Saturdays	Men's Bible study (Zoom)	8:00am
Saturday (May 1st)	Church Cleaning Day	8:00am

- **Everyday Essentials** for the Trinity Food Pantry, Rock Falls UMC Personal Care Pantry, and FISH Food Pantry are being accepted in the fellowship hall. Throughout April we are collecting **bar soap**. We also are collecting **travel-sized toiletries** for local pantries. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our neighbors in need!
- **Loose coins** for April go to Caretakers of God's Creation

Worship Leaders today

Liturgist: Darla Ewing

Children's message: Renee Duncan

Music Director: Dylan Hinrichs

Organist: Judy Bushman



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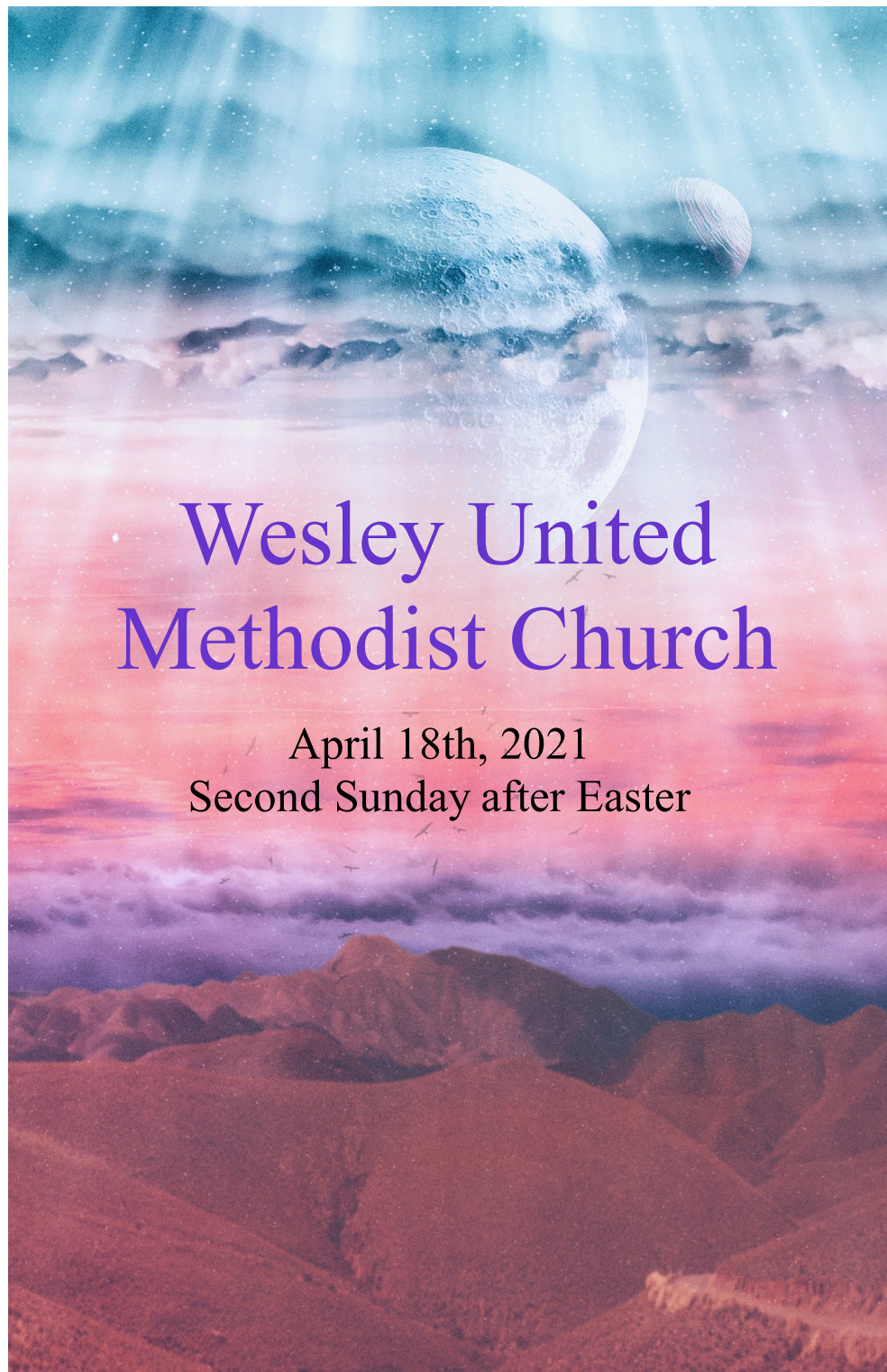
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Wesley United Methodist Church

April 18th, 2021
Second Sunday after Easter



***Welcome to
Wesley United Methodist Church
April 18th, 2021***

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE "I Would Be True"
by Joseph Yates Peek / arr. by Bruce Carleton

INTROIT "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"
Words, Prayer of St. Francis / Music by Sebastian Temple

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **OPENING PRAYER** (Rev. 21, John 13)

Wipe away our tears, O God, for we are weary of weeping at the injustices of the world. Love us like a mother, and protect us like a father, that we may live as your beloved children in a world made new. Dwell among us, we pray, that we may love one another as we were meant to love. Amen

† **OPENING HYMN** "When Love is Found" UMH #643 v 1,3

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYERS

The 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.

† **RESPONSE** "Glory Be to the Father" #70

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

HYMN "Make Us One" TFWS #2224 (2 times)

SCRIPTURE READING Epistle to Colossians 3:12-15

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Forgiveness in Marriage and Intimate Relationship "

THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

RESPONSE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

† **DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of mystery, you promise us a life of blessedness, if we learn to forgive and love one another as you have first forgiven and loved us. May the gifts we offer you today, be a sign of our commitment to see beyond our narrow perspective as we learn to love one another with your all-embracing vision. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

† **CLOSING HYMN** "Bind Us Together" TFWS #2226

† **BENEDICTION**

A new commandment sends us forth . . .

We are called to forgive and love one another.

A new vision guides our way . . .

We are told to see God's forgiveness and acceptance.

A new blessing leads us forward . . .

We are called to be a blessing to the world.

† **RECESSIONAL** "Bind Us Together" (refrain)

POSTLUDE "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
by Ludwig von Beethoven

****The flowers on the altar are given in Celebration
of Deb and Toby Hodges' 47th wedding anniversary on April 19th.***

† *Please stand if you are able in your body or spirit.
Bold print indicates in unison*