

### *Upcoming Events and Information*

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

- **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:** Steve Downes

**Children's message:** Renee Morris

**Music Director:** Dylan Hinrichs

**Organist:** Judy Bushman



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# Wesley United Methodist Church

April 25th, 2021

Third Sunday after Easter

FORGIVEN  
RESURRECTION HOPE FOR ALL NATIONS

***Welcome to  
Wesley United Methodist Church  
April 25th, 2021***

**ENTRANCE**

**PRELUDE** "A Galilean Hillside" by Lani Smith

**INTROIT** "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"  
words by Rosamond E. Herklots  
music *Supplement to Kentucky Harmony*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

† **OPENING PRAYER** (Acts 16, John 14 )

**Jesus, our Savior, you promised your disciples that God would send the Holy Spirit in your name, reminding them of your teachings and leading them forward into new truths yet to be revealed. We invite this same Holy Spirit into our lives, to teach us and to guide us, that we too may learn of God's love and justice. By the grace and power of the Holy Spirit, may your word make a home in us today. Amen.**

† **OPENING HYMN** "Be Thou My Vision" UMH# 451 vs 1,2

**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** "Lord I Want to Be a Christian" UMH# 402 v1

**SCRIPTURE READING** Gospel of Matthew 18:15-17  
This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** "Forgiving Others"

**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**

**Gracious God, we thank you for the abundant blessings you bestow upon the earth. As we offer these gifts, in thanksgiving and praise, we pray that they will be a blessing to others. Through our gifts, may the word of your goodness spread to the ends of the earth, that all people may know of your love and make a home for you in their hearts. Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH**

† **CLOSING HYMN** "The Gift of Love" UMH# 408 vs 1,2

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RECESSIONAL** "Victory in Jesus" UMH# 370 (Refrain)

**POSTLUDE** "Echo Fanfare" by Lani Smith

***\*The flowers on the altar are in Love and Honor of  
Steve and Mary Downes. (The giver wishes to remain anonymous).***

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