

Upcoming Events and Information

Wednesdays:	Study: Making Sense of the Bible	9:30am
Tue./Thur.:	Exercise Group (Activity Room)	4:00pm
Thursdays:	Thurs. Fellowship Study (Fellowship Hall)	6:45pm
Saturdays:	Wesley Men's Group (Fireside Room)	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 **July** we are collecting **laundry detergent**. We also need **travel-sized toiletries** for local pantries. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our neighbors in need!
- **Loose coins** for **July** go to Rockford Urban Ministries.
- Thank you to all who have contributed to the Midwest Distribution "Fill the Truck" efforts! We have also received items from Albany, Tampico, Harmon, Princeton, Milledgeville and Morrison UMC's. Boxes are filled to the top! Thank you, thank you---

Worship Leaders today

Music ministry: Dylan Hinrichs (director) Judy Bushman (organist)
Children's sermon (online@9:45am):

8:00am

Liturgists: Dylan Hinrichs

Greeters: Jan Glover
Ushers: Jeff Cedro

10:00 am

Elisa Gatz
Carolyn and Warren Heuck
Jeff Cedro / Bill Parker



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WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GOD BLESS AMERICA



July 4th, 2021
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

*Welcome to
Wesley United Methodist Church
July 4th, 2021*

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE "He" by Jack Richards
"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" by H. Percy Smith/arr. Robert J. Hughes
"Battle Hymn of the Republic" by William Steffe/arr. Lani Smith

INTROIT "On Eagle's Wings" by Michael Joncas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 71)

Our hope is in God all of our lives.

God is a rock of refuge: a fortress against threat and shame.

God has held us since our birth.

So we are never in the full grasp of the unjust and cruel.

In love, God saves and supports us.

Trusting in God, we continually offer our praise!

† **OPENING HYMN** "My Country 'Tis of Thee" UMH #697 vs1-4

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

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 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" UMH #474 vs1,3

SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs 26: 12 Romans 12: 3-4 Luke 18: 9-14

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON (Steve Downes)

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**

O God, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for you and our neighbors, that they may bring closer to fulfillment your reign of peace and love; through Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior, we pray, Amen.

SENDING FORTH

† **CLOSING HYMN** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" UMH #526 v1-3

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RECESSIONAL** "Standing on the Promises" UMH #374 (refrain)

POSTLUDE "This Is My Song" by Jean Sibelius

† *Please stand if you are able in your body or spirit.*

Bold print indicates in unison

***The altar flowers are given by Russ and Mary Spitzer
in Honor of our church family on this 4th of July.***