

Upcoming Events and Information

Tue./Thur.:	Exercise Group (Fireside Room)	3:30pm
Tuesdays:	Bell Choir Practice	5:15pm
Wednesdays:	Bible Studies	9:30am & 7:00pm
Saturdays:	Men's Bible Study (Fireside Room)	8:00am
Sundays:	Youth Group	1:00-3:00pm

Mon. Apr. 17th: Trustee's meeting at 5:30pm

Thurs. Apr. 20th: Ladies Lunch at 11:30am Wagon Wheel, Sterling

Hosting coffee and donuts for Sunday, Apr. 23rd are Rory & Rita Smith.

Thank you to Pastor George Woosnam for graciously filling the pulpit today.

Altar flowers are in celebration of Toby & Debbie Hodges' 49th anniversary.

- **Everyday Essentials** for local pantries are being accepted in Fellowship Hall. **April collection: bar soap.** Also needed: **travel-sized toiletries.** Thank you for helping those in need!
- **Loose coins for April: Caretakers of God's Creation**
- **Nursery** is provided for 10:00 am service.

Worship Leaders today

Youth Director:	Melissa Hurley
Music Ministry:	Judy Bushman (Organist) Mary Nelmes (Handbell Choir Director)
Head Usher:	Jeff Cedro
Nursery Supervisor:	Carol Cravatta
A/V Specialists:	Logan Ayala and Joey Cordell

Liturgists:	8:00 AM Mary Downes	10:00 AM Rick Palmer
Greeters:	Jan Glover	Bill Parker
Ushers:	Lynn Majewski	Greg & Amy Bontz



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WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



WELCOME

to worship

APRIL 16, 2023
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Welcome to Wesley United Methodist Church

April 16, 2023

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

The Breath of God by Ray Landis
Meekness and Majesty by Graham Kendrick
O For a Thousand Songs to Sing by Carl G. Glaser/arr. Lani Smith

INTROIT "Spirit of the Living God" by Daniel Iverson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† OPENING PRAYER:

Almighty, creating God, you have called us to this place. You breathe life into us each day. You welcome us just as we are, with all of our hopes and fears, all of our faults and talents. As we worship, may we rest in your Spirit, and may we remember that you alone renew our lives. Fill us with your unmerited grace and abounding love. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

† OPENING HYMN "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place" UMH#328

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.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PROCLAMATION

Jesus, Savior, Resurrected Messiah, we come before you from different paths: some of us certain of your joyful presence in our lives, some of us not so certain of the hope of being touched by your joy. Yet we are all here, reaching out to you: for understanding, for hope, for joy, for all that is imperishable. Meet us here, today, in all your power and consolation. Amen.

† RESPONSE "Glory Be to the Father" #70

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:00AM)

HYMN "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" UMH #500

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-31

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

SERMON "A Changed LIFE: Thomas"

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION #15

RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

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

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

As we enjoy the rich feast God has provided, we know that there are those who want for food and drink in body and soul. Multiply the offerings we share today, that they may bless those in need. May the spiritual nourishment we receive today strengthen us for continued service in your name. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

† CLOSING HYMN "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" UMH #383 (vs 1,3,5)

† BENEDICTION

† RECESSIONAL "More Like You" TFWS #2167 (first half)

POSTLUDE

Faith is the Victory by Ira D. Sankey

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

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