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*Second Sunday of Easter, April 7, 2024*

Greeting **Mark**

Birthdays and Anniversaries “

Call to Worship: “

Leader: We were once dead through our trespasses and sins when we followed the course of this world.

**People: All of us once lived to the passions and desires of flesh and senses;**

Leader: But God, who is rich in mercy and full of great love, made us alive together with Christ, when by grace we were saved.

**People: So that in the ages to come God might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.**

Leader: For by grace we have been saved through faith, not by our own doing, but by the gift of God.

**People: For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.**

**Worship Music Don’t Stop Praying Tracy**

OPENING PRAYER **Mark**

Lord, in a world full of noise, busyness, and distraction, we seek your small, still voice because it leads us on a path of peace and gives us eternal life. During the days of Easter, help us to listen and to have hope in what we hear when you speak to us. Guide us so that we may live accordingly; for you are our Rock, our

Vision, and our God. We pray in the name of Jesus. **AMEN.**

\*OPENING HYMN Stand By Me **Tracy**  #512

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Bonnie Hodgson Schiavoni

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen**

OFFERTORY INVITATION: **Mark**

Acts 2 offers a vision of the community of the early church. Those with the most resources used them to help make sure that no one was in need. Everyone fed, everyone clothed, everyone cared for: it is a model that we would do well to mirror, because then we are clearly living the Way of Jesus. So let us offer our gifts, following the example of the earliest Christians.

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY **Mark** #95

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER “

Dear God, we are thankful to be able to share our gifts in Christ’s name. We wish to live out your vision for our lives. Please accept all our sacrificial gifts for the ministries of this church. May you add your blessings to the use of these gifts in our community and beyond. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION Sweet, Sweet Spirit (2X) **Tracy** #334

SERMON “Fighting the Good Fight with the Holy Spirit as your Partner.”

- Bonnie Hodgson Schiavoni

\*CLOSING HYMN Where He Leads Me **Tracy** #338

BENEDICTION **Mark**

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 15:5–6)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Our Prayer List:**

Amber – breast cancer Faye Miller - immunotherapy

Jim Adams – recovering at home Nash – leukemia (home)

Margaret Bollinger – stroke, aneurysm Art Pannebecker – heart issues

Phyllis Busey – Ephrata Manor People in Israel, Gaza and Ukraine

Brad – nephew of Pastor Glenda Mr. Quinn – rehab at Neffsville

Carol Collemacine- sprained ankle Michael Royer – recovering from fall

Michelle Daniels - chemotherapy Connie Rupp – hospice care at Fairmont

Family of Harry DeKolf Dr. Bill Schlorff – cancer doing well

Donna – cancer treatable Sharon - brain cancer

Ed Finefrock – appointments Linda Slafkovski – metastatic cancer

Janet Fisher – recovering from fall Dawn Smith – stage 4 cancer

Sherry Gregory – stroke Greg and Sue Steininger – difficult time

Cindy Haines – at home not doing well Roy Weik – Health Center Cornwall

Mary Jenks – healing Alex Wenger- leukemia

Gloria Lintner- healing

**SUNDAY MORNING OFFERING**

**OFFERING AMT NEEDED EACH WEEK       $1,400**

**OFFERING March 24th $5,892**

**AMT OF OFFERING NEEDED TO     $17,000**

**AMT RECEIVED TO DATE         $30,708**

**BUDGET YTD +$13708 Attendance – 36 Folks**

**What’s happening at Wiest:**

The Chosen – video series – 1030 Sunday after church resumes April 28th

Bible Study - Tuesdays 1000-1200 PM resumes April 30th

Choir Practice – Thursdays 1200 PM

Girl Scouts – 2nd Thursday of each month

Blessings of Hope – Saturday April 27th 1030-1100

Game Day – Thursday April 11th and April 25th 130-330 PM.

Memorial service for Rev Harry DeKolf – Saturday May 4th, 1100 AM

Pastor Lyle and Cheryl are on vacation out of the country from April 1st through April 21st. Pastor Glenda Machia from Mt Zion-in Akron will provide pastoral coverage during this time. Her telephone number is 717-468-4920.

Audio of the Sunday message is posted on our church website ([www.wiestchurch.org](http://www.wiestchurch.org)). Video on Wiest Church Facebook page

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

3- Chubb Weidler 11- Phyllis and Leroy Miller

17- Rosemary Steffy 27- Linda and Glenn Lesher

19- Garry Christ 28- Lynn and Carey Elwell

20- Sandy Sweigart

Lectionary Readings for next week: Sunday – Acts 1: 1-14

Monday – Acts 1: 15-20 Thursday – Acts 2: 14-21

Tuesday – Acts 1: 21-26 Friday – Acts 2: 37-42

Wednesday – Acts 2: 1-13 Saturday – Acts 2: 43-47

Last Week’s Quiz

1. We Christians believe impossible things.
2. Paul says we are different because we fix our eyes on things unseen.
3. Easter shows us the unbelievable richness and joy of God’s work in the world.
4. The women went to the tomb and found the stone rolled away.
5. They met an angelic figure in white when they entered the tomb.
6. He told them not to be afraid and to tell Peter and the disciples that Jesus had gone ahead to Galilee and they should meet him there.
7. We are left with unfinished business.
8. The point to remember is it was not what the women or the disciples did; it was what God did.
9. To believe in the impossible is what the presence of God allows us to do.
10. Jesus goes ahead of us to guide us; this is the hope of the resurrection.