

*Third Sunday of Easter, April 14, 2024*

Greeting **Mark**

Call to Worship: **“**

Leader: God, we have questions.

**People: Answer us quickly.**

Leader: God, we are overwhelmed.

**People: Our spirits fail.**

Leader: Do not hide your face from us.

**People: But let us hear.**

Leader: Let us hear.

**People: Let us hear of your steadfast love.**

Leader: Let us trust.

**People: Let us trust in you.**

Leader: Let us learn.

**People: Teach us the way we should go.**

Leader: For to you we lift up our souls.

**People: Save us.**

Leader: Lead us.

**People: Shelter us, O God.**

**Worship Music All Because of Mercy Tracy**

OPENING PRAYER **Mark**

Loving God, call us together as your people; transform us with your love. Transform our hearts, that we may love generously. Transform our eyes, that we may see your grace. Transform our hands, that we may serve others. Transform our spirits, that we may be the body of Christ, gathered to worship and sent out to serve. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. **AMEN.**

\*OPENING HYMN Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me **Tracy** #361

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**

CHOIR ANTHEM The Rock That is Higher

OFFERTORY INVITATION: **Mark**

God has blessed us with an abundance of gifts. We are called to offer all that we are to God—our bodies, our spirits, our minds, our time, and our money. As the body of Christ, we are called to be in ministry with others. With true generosity, let us give of ourselves this morning.

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY **Mark** #95

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER “

Generous God, you have given us many gifts and drawn us together into Christ’s body, the church. You have blessed us with generous and cheerful spirits. May the gifts of our money, time, and talents support the ministry of your church. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION Have Thine Own Way, Lord **Tracy**  #382

SERMON Relinquishing Our Will - Bonnie Hodgson Schiavoni

\*CLOSING HYMN God of Grace and God of Glory **Tracy** #577

BENEDICTION **Mark**

Jesus, this morning you remind us that doing God’s will is our calling, our purpose, and our identity. We trust that this remains your holy and certain will, and that loving our neighbors, all our neighbors, is the path that will get us there, the path we walk when we follow you. In Jesus’ name. Amen

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 – Tuesday 1000-1200 PM resumes April 30th

Choir Practice – Thursdays 1200 PM

Girl Scouts – 2nd Thursday of each month

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

Blessings of Hope – Saturday April 27th 1030-1100

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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Lectionary Readings for next week: Sunday – Acts 3: 1-10

Monday – Acts 3: 11-16 Thursday – Acts 16: 19-24

Tuesday – Acts 16: 1-10 Friday – Acts 16: 25-34

Wednesday – Acts 16: 11-18 Saturday – Acts 16: 35-40