

*Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21, 2024*

Greeting

Call to Worship:

Pastor: We come to share the wonder of the Easter Season.

**People: In our Easter joy, we find a God of new starts and fresh growth.**

Pastor: In our Easter grace, we find a God of renewal and transformation.

**People:** In our Easter faith, we find a God to carry us from darkness and despair.

Pastor: In our Easter peace, we find a God to nurture us in hope and love.

**People: In our Easter lives, let us glorify God’s name, now and forevermore.**

**Worship Music Less Like Me**

OPENING PRAYER

Energizing God,

On this new day, let us jump up to proclaim the splendor of your care for us. Fill us with wonder and guide us to walk forward with faith and gratitude. Renew us with your Easter love, so that our faith in your transforming power leaps from our hearts. Recharge us with the immensity of your mercy and grace, that we whoop praise for your goodness, and whisper thanks for your gentleness. In the name of the risen Christ, Jesus of Nazareth, let our lives shout hallelujah. **AMEN.**

\*OPENING HYMN Easter People, Raise Your Voices #304

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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**

SPECIAL MUSIC Audrey Elwell

OFFERTORY INVITATION:

We gather with hearts filled with gratitude for the love and light the Lord has shown us. Scripture reminds us that true love is seen in Christ’s offering of himself for us. As we offer our tithes and offerings, we are reminded of the importance of generosity and stewardship in our lives. May the gifts we are about to offer be a reflection of the love we have experienced in Christ. We will now receive the morning offering.

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY #95

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Triumphant God, we bring before you our gifts, perhaps not of silver or gold, but all that we have to share at this time. Bless our giving and inspire those who receive this offering to seek to redeem the suffering of your children, near and far. Bless our helping and inspire us to seek to transform the needs of our communities in your name. Grant that by faith in your name, we are made strong to share your love with those around us. Amen.

THE GOSPEL LESSON Acts 3: 1-10

HYMN OF PREPARATION He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought #128

SERMON Stages Craig Caltagirone

\*CLOSING HYMN Leaning on the Everlasting Arms #133

BENEDICTION

Go into this new week sustained by your faith. The risen Christ will make you strong. When trouble is in front of you, let God’s mercy lift you up. When filled with joy, let God’s grace leap in your heart. Go praising and witnessing to God’s love in each and every moment of your days. 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

Carol Collemacine- sprained ankle Mr. Quinn – co-worker of Mary Zeller

Michelle Daniels - chemotherapy Michael Royer – recovering from fall

Family of Harry DeKolf Connie Rupp – hospice care at Fairmont

Donna – cancer treatable Dr. Bill Schlorff – cancer doing well

Ed Finefrock – appointments Sharon - brain

Janet Fisher – recovering from fall Linda Slafkovski – metastatic cancer

Sherry Gregory – stroke Dawn Smith – stage 4 cancer

Cindy Haines – at home not doing well Greg and Sue Steininger – difficult time

Mary Jenks – healing Roy Weik – Health Center Cornwall

Gloria Lintner- healing Alex Wenger- leukemia

**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

Blessings of Hope – Saturday April 27th 1030-1100

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

Memorial Service for Pastor Harry DeKolf – Saturday May 4th 1100 AM

Pastor Lyle and Cheryl will be 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

Lectionary Readings for next week: Sunday – Acts 17: 1-9

Monday – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Thursday – Acts 17:10-15

Tuesday – 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 Friday – Acts 17:16-28

Wednesday – 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16 Saturday – Acts 17:29-34