

## **Acolyte Celebration**

Pastor: An Acolyte is a helper in worship, a servant, the one who carries the Light of Christ and participates in the sharing of the Sacraments of the Church. An Acolyte is trained in the symbols and meanings of worship, and has made a dedication to serve God with joy and reverence. Today we bless these Acolytes who have made this commitment of faith.

All: **Carry the Light of Christ,  
so that we can bear witness to the Light in the world.**

Acolytes: We will carry the Light of Christ.

All: **Be a servant in worship,  
so that we will learn how to serve one another.**

Acolytes: We will serve.

All: **Teach us the symbols of the Church, and lead us with reverence.**

Acolytes: We will teach with our actions and our lives  
how to love and respect God.

Pastor: Let us pray...

## **We Receive the Word**

Scripture

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Message

*Prescriptions for Wholeness*

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

## **We Respond to the Word**

### **\*Praise United Methodist Hymnal #123**

**El Shaddai**

El Shaddai, El Shaddai, El Elyon na Adonai;  
age to age you're still the same by the power of the name.  
El Shaddai, El Shaddai, Erkahmka na Adonai;  
we will praise and lift you high, El Shaddai.

### **The Example - Blessings**

"So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you." John 13:14-15

### **Stewardship Celebration and Invitation**

Invitation

Offering (Smith)

*Draw Me Close*

Draw me close to you. Never let me go.  
I lay it all down again,  
To hear you say that I'm your friend.  
You are my desire. No one else will do.  
'Cause nothing else can take your place  
To feel the warmth of your embrace.  
Help me find the way.  
Bring me back to you.  
  
You're all I want, You're all I've ever needed.  
You're all I want, Help me know you are near.

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

### **Praying with a Partner**

Find someone to share your prayers with. Let someone carry your prayer with them, as you carry their prayer in your heart.

"How can I pray for you this week?"

Please pray for me this week..."

We Take the Word into the World

**\*Praise**

Over the mountains and the sea,  
Your river runs with love for me,  
And I will open up my heart  
And let the Healer set me free.  
I'm happy to be in the truth,  
And I will daily lift my hands,  
For I will always sing  
Of when Your love came down.

I could sing of Your love forever. (4x)

Oh, I feel like dancing.  
It's foolishness I know.  
But when the world has seen the light,  
They will dance with joy  
Like we're dancing now.

I could sing of your love forever (5x)

**\*Blessing**

**Sending Forth Music**

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*\*Please stand as you are able or comfortable.*

**I Could Sing of Your Love Forever**

# Wesley Park United Methodist Church

**Baptism of the Lord Sunday**

**11 am - January 8, 2017**

**We Gather Together**

**Gathering Music**

**\*Praise and Thanksgiving to God**

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us,  
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us.  
Let the praises of our King rise among us,  
Let it rise.  
Oh, let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us,  
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us.  
Let the joy of our King rise among us,  
Let it rise.  
Oh, let it rise.

O Lord, you're beautiful,  
Your face is all I seek;  
And when your eyes are on this child,  
Your grace abounds to me.

O Lord, you're wonderful,  
Your touch is all I need;  
And when your hand is on this child,  
Your healing I receive.

O Lord, you're beautiful,  
Your face is all I seek;  
And when your eyes are on this child,  
Your grace abounds to me.

**Let It Rise**

**O Lord, You're Beautiful**