

# Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Human Relations Day

9 am - January 15, 2017

## We Gather Together

Prelude

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

One: It's coming: the Kingdom of God is coming!  
Let your Reign, O God, be acknowledged among all people.

All: **We stand on the threshold of truth.  
We are perched on the branches of justice.**

One: Across the horizon we see the outline of peace and harmony.

All: **With privilege comes responsibility.  
With responsibility comes accountability.  
With accountability comes honesty.  
With honest comes faithfulness.**

One: God of Creation and history,  
equip us to live faithfully in your Kingdom!

\*Hymn 427 **Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life**

Children's Blessing

The Dream that Never Ends Eugene Blair

One: Come, let us slay the dreamer and see what becomes of his dream!

All: **The dream has no end, so, if they slay the dreamer  
others will keep dreaming!**

One: It is a dream about a place where one is judged by the content of one's  
character and not the color of his or her skin.

All: **The dream has no end. So if they slay the dreamer,  
others will keep dreaming.**

One: It is a dream of a nation where the necessities of life are a right, and no  
one goes without.

All: **The dream has no end. So if they slay the dreamer,  
others will keep dreaming.**

One: It is a dream of a nation where the earth's gifts and resources are not just  
for a special few, but all God has given us is held in sacred trust for all the  
peoples of the world.

All: **The dream has no end. So if they slay the dreamer,  
others will keep dreaming.**

One: It is a sacred dream, when fulfilled, we call all people out of the bleak and  
destitute midnight of racism and hatred, into the bright and glowing  
daybreak of freedom and justice for all. Lord, your servant Martin died for  
a never-ending dream. May we renew our commitment to the dream.

All: **Though they slay the dreamer,  
the dream lives on in us and our children. Amen.**

## Receiving the Word

Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

Gift of Music

**What Feast Will You Bring**

Message

*Prescriptions for Wholeness*

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

## We Respond to the Word

\*Hymn

**Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?**

**Won't you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road.  
We are here to help each other go the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shadow of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping. When you laugh, I'll laugh with you. I  
will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony.  
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.**

**Won't you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

Offering Gifts to God and the World

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory

\*Doxology #64

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**We Go Forth Into the World**

\*Hymn 593

**Here I Am, Lord**

\*Benediction

Postlude

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

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**Ministering Today - 9 am**

Greeters	Bill & Vicky VanDalsen, Kathy DenHollander
Acolyte	Landon Terry
Ushers	Chuck & Janice Starnes, David Waugh, Tena Podein
Musician	Adrienne Prentiss
Sound Tech	Anna Spencer
Nursery	Laura Reidel
Child Advocate	Skyler Maitner