

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

10 am - January 29, 2017

We Gather Together

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

One: Come to Christ, that living stone, rejected by the world,
but in God's sight chosen and precious.

All: **We have responded to Christ's call,
and seek to be built into a spiritual house,
a living reminder of God's presence on earth.**

One: Once we were no people, but now we are God's people,
called out of the darkness into God's marvelous light.

Therefore we sing with the Church in all ages:

All: **Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer.
By your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through
the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Choir (Betsy Rose)

I Am Planting a Seed of Peace

I am planting a seed of peace, a seed of peace on earth.

Peace in my heart, that's where it starts, I am planting a seed of peace.

I am planting a seed of peace, a seed of peace on earth.

Peace in my home, that's where it it grown, I am planting a seed of peace.

I am planting a seed of peace, a seed of peace on earth.

Peace in my school, more precious than jewels, I am planting a seed of peace.

I am planting a seed of peace, a seed of peace on earth.

Peace in our land, we can all lend a hand, I am planting a seed of peace.

I am planting a seed of peace, a seed of peace on earth.

A planet of peace, from all of our seeds, I am planting a seed of peace.

I am planting a seed of peace, a seed of peace on earth.

Peace in my heart, that's where it starts, I am planting a seed of peace.

Receiving the Word

Scripture

Micah 6:6-8

Gift of Music

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

Message

Prescriptions for Wholeness

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

We Respond to the Word

*Hymn 408

The Gift of Love

Holy Baptism and Reception Into Wesley Park United Methodist Church

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

Great God of Heaven and Earth, you call us to leave behind our
preoccupations and to follow you into the future. Sometimes we
find your call challenging. We are comfortable, maybe even
complacent, in our present. May this act of giving be a gesture of
our willingness to follow where you lead. In Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen.

We Go Forth Into the World

*Hymn 571

Go Make of All Disciples

*Benediction

The grace of Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

Postlude

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

Ministering Today - 10 am

Greeters	Barb DeCan, Charlie Swanson
Acolyte	Avery Terry
Ushers	Kathy DenHollander, Lynda Edsall, Sally Dear
Musician	Adrienne Prentiss, Phil Pletcher, Sara Kropp, Molly Jeltema, Paula Hartley, Erin Vanderlaan
Sound Tech	James Halstead
Nursery	Wendy Harr
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Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Our Mission is to build a Christian community with all people.

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Baptism and Reception Into Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Through confirmation, and through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

Presentation of Candidates

We present Harry Blauwiekel to reaffirm his faith.

We present Gayle Poertner to reaffirm her faith.

We present James Willmer for Holy Baptism.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

We know that we need one another throughout our lives.

Please consider these questions carefully.

As the church we ask you:

Do you acknowledge your own brokenness, and that of this world,

And seek with all of your spirit the kin-dom of God?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace,

and promise to serve him,

in union with the church which Christ has opened to all people?

I do.

Will you who love these persons

support and encourage them in their Christian life?

We will.

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.

We will surround Jim, Gayle, and Harry with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be faithful in their service to others.

We will pray for them, that they may walk in the way that leads to life.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,**

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

Baptism, with the Laying on of Hands

James Aaron, I baptize you in the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

O God, uphold James by your Holy Spirit. Give him the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and gentleness, the spirit of knowledge and wonder, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

James, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism, and marked as Christ's own forever.

Amen.

Reception into The United Methodist Church

As a member of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

Reception into Wesley Park United Methodist Church

As a member of Wesley Park United Methodist Church, will you faithfully uphold its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

I will.

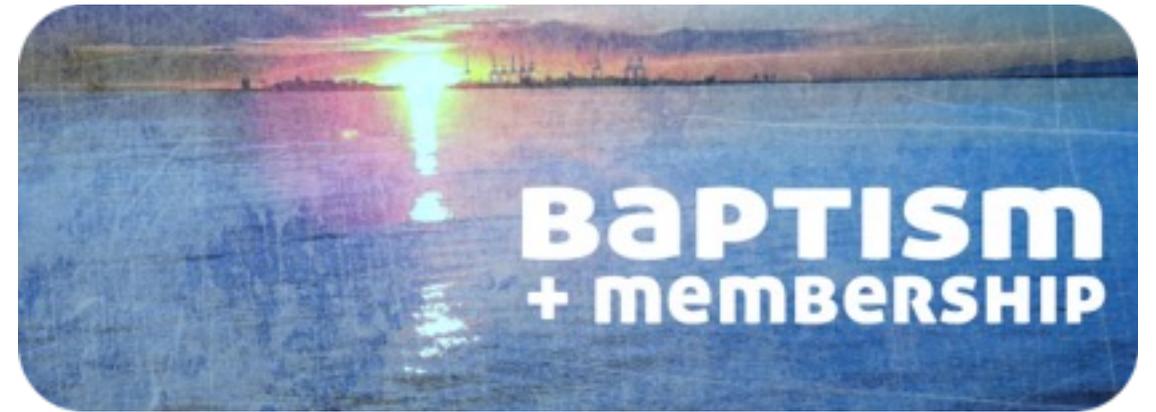
Commendation and Welcome

James has been received into the holy church through baptism; Harry and Gayle through the Profession of Faith. God has made them members of the household of God, to share with us in the ministry of Christ. Let us welcome them.

All say:

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ!

Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Reception Into Wesley Park United Methodist Church



Following worship, please stop in the Welcome Center and sign the Certificates of Membership and Certificate of Baptism. Your witness is a blessing now, and for eternity, as a sign of our commitment to walk together in faith.

Let us celebrate this day in the Family Life Center with a Potluck after worship. All are welcome!

If you are interested in Baptism or Membership, please let us know on your Communication Card or talk with Pastor Dean.