

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent
9:30 am - March 26, 2017

We Gather Together

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Isaiah 30:15

One: In returning and rest you shall be saved;

All: **in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.**

*Hymn

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Children's Blessing

Prayer of Confession and Pardon

One: Holy and awesome God, we come into your presence filled with regret for our many sins and failings.

All: **Though there is greatness in us, and a deep longing for goodness, we have often denied our better selves and refused your voice calling us to rise to the full height of our humanity.**

One: For there is weakness in us, as well as strength.

All: **At times we choose to walk in darkness, our vision obscured.**

One: We do not care to look within, and we are unwilling to look beyond at those who need our help.

All: **O God, we are too weak to walk unaided.**

One: Be with us as a strong and wise friend, and teach us to move by the light of your truth.

All: *(All offer prayers of confession in silence.)*

One: The Lord God is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving, and true, showing mercy, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, and granting pardon.

All: **Amen.**

We Receive the Word

Scripture

Psalms 23

Gift of Music

(Hogan) **We Will Walk Through the Valley of Peace**

We shall walk through the valley in peace. We shall walk through the valley in peace. For if Jesus himself will be our leader we shall walk through the valley in peace. There will be no sorrow there. There will be no sorrow there. For if Jesus himself will be our leader there will be no more sorrow there. We shall meet our loved ones there. We shall meet our loved ones there. For if Jesus himself will be our leader we will meet our loved ones there. We shall meet our Savior there. We shall meet our Savior there. For if Jesus himself will be our leader we shall meet our Savior there. We shall walk through the valley in peace.

Message

Growing a Garden

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

We Respond to the Word

Hymn

(Tomlin) **All the Way My Savior Leads Me**

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 of Hope 377

It Is Well With My Soul

*Benediction

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those with whom we share the way. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind, all in the name of our companion along the way, Jesus the Christ.

Postlude

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

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak but thou art strong;
Jesus keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk,
close to Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toils and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord,
none but Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To thy shore, dear Lord,
to thy shore.

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

All The Way My Savior Leads Me

All the way my Savior leads me
Who have I to ask beside
How could I doubt His tender mercy
Who through life has been my guide
All the way my Savior leads me
And cheers each winding path I tread
And gives me grace for ev'ry trial
Feeds me with the living Bread

You lead me and keep me from falling
You carry me close to Your heart
And surely Your goodness and mercy
will follow me

All the way my Savior leads me
O the fullness of His love
O the sureness of His promise
In the triumph of His blood
When my spirit clothed immortal
Wings its flight to realms of day
This my song through endless ages
Jesus led me all the way
Jesus led me all the way

You lead me and keep me from falling
You carry me close to Your heart
And surely Your goodness and mercy
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