

# Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Ascension Sunday

9:30 am - May 28, 2017

## We Gather Together

Prelude

Welcome

\*Call To Worship

One: Jesus said, "This is my commandment: Love one another."

**All: We come to worship the God who is love,  
that we may learn to love one another.**

One: Jesus said, "No longer do I call you servants;  
but now I call you my friends."

**All: We come to worship the God whose friends we are  
through Christ. Let us sing praise to God,  
and live in love and friendship toward all people,  
through Jesus our Christ. Amen.**

\*Praise

**Be Unto Your Name**

Children's Blessing

Prayers of The People

Memorial Day

One: Almighty God, before whom stand the living and the dead, we your children, whose mortal life is but a hand's breadth, give thanks to you: For all those through whom you have blessed our pilgrimage, whose lives that have empowered us, whose influence is a healing grace,

**All: We lift up thankful hearts.**

One: For the dear friends and family members whose faces we see no more, but whose love is with us for ever,

**All: We lift up thankful hearts.**

One: For the teachers and companions of our childhood and youth, and for the members of our household of faith who worship you now in heaven,

**All: We lift up thankful hearts.**

One: For those who sacrificed themselves, our brothers and sisters who have given their lives for the sake of others,

**All: We lift up thankful hearts.**

One: That we may hold them all in continual remembrance, and ever think of them as with you in that city whose gates are not shut by day and where there is no night,

**All: We lift up thankful hearts.**

One: That we may now be dedicated to working for a world where labor is rewarded, fear dispelled, and the nations made one,

**All: O Lord, save your people and bless your heritage. Day by day  
we magnify you, and worship your name, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

Anthem

*Amazing Grace/Pachelbel's Canon*

### Receiving the Word

Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

Message

*We Are Witnesses*

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

### We Respond to the Word

\*Praise

**Before the Throne of God Above**

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

Majestic Lord, you unselfishly provide us with the sanctuary of your love. You wisely calm our imagined fears while nurturing our dream-filled hopes. Grant us the ability to serve you faithfully. Joyfully, we honor you with these tithes and offerings. Blessed be your name! Amen. **Amen.**

**We Go Forth Into the World**

\*Hymn 437

**This Is My Song**

\*Benediction

Postlude

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