

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am - July 9, 2017

We Gather Together

Prelude

Welcome

*Call To Worship

Psalm 46

One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble in tumult.

All: The God of hosts is with us.

One: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in its midst, the city shall not be moved; God will help the city right early. The nations rage, the dominions totter; God utters a word, the earth melts.

All: The God of hosts is with us.

One: Come, behold the works of God bringing desolation in the earth. God makes wars cease to the end of the earth, breaks the bow, shatters the spear, and burns the chariots with fire! "Be still, and know that I am God; I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth!"

All: The God of hosts is with us.

*Singing #474

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Children's Blessing

Gift of Music, Keith Warren

His Eye Is On the Sparrow

We Receive the Word

Scripture

Romans 7:15-25a

Message

Unpacking Our Baggage

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

We Respond to the Word

Singing

Chain Breaker

Offering Our Selves and Gifts to God

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

God of Promise, many of us have trouble discerning the Living Christ in our lives. Use these gifts to quiet the traffic and turmoil of life's stresses. Enable us through our faithful giving to discover a deeper reverence for Jesus' gentle and humble message. Lift our heavy burdens, so we can prayerfully respond to the peace and the calm repose that you provide for us today and forever. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen. **Amen.**

We Go Forth Into the World

*Singing #364

Because He Lives

*Benediction

One: The Spirit of God is upon us.

All: God has anointed us to bear good news to the afflicted,

Right: To bind up the broken hearted,

Left: To proclaim freedom to the captives,

All: To open the prisons of the who are bound.

One: Send one another into the world with the Shalom of Jesus the Christ, who seeks peace in broken relationships, who seeks healing in alienated persons, who seeks justice in oppressive structures. Share this shalom by saying, "May the Peace of Christ be yours today."

Postlude

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

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

Our vision: by 2018, Wesley Park will strive to inspire from the youngest to the oldest and everybody in between to live out the greatest commandment: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.

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9:30 am Worship Helpers:

- ☀ **Greeters:** Betty Stoutjesdyk, Freddi Angus, and Nancy Chambers
- ☀ **Ushers:** Ken and Linda McKenney, Dennis Strong
- ☀ **Acolytes:** Jillian Fischer
- ☀ **Sound Tech:** Kyran Vieau
- ☀ **Computer Tech:** Max Gibbard
- ☀ **Video Tech:** Steven Carruthers
- ☀ **Nursery:** Alex Fischer
- ☀ **Welcome Desk:** Duane Vokers and Kathy DenHollander
- ☀ **Musicians:** Sara Kropp, Adrienne Prentiss, Liz Montcastle, and Keith Warren

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