

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am - July 16, 2017

We Gather Together

Prelude

Welcome

*Call To Worship

Psalm 65

One: Praise is due to you, O God. You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of the waves, the tumult of the peoples, so that those who dwell at earth's farthest bounds are afraid at your signs;

All: You make the outgoings of the morning and the evening to shout for you.

One: You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; you provide grain, for so you have prepared it.

All: You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

One: You crown the year with your bounty; the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,

All: The valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and sing together for joy.

*Singing #89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Children's Blessing

Gift of Music, Chancel Choir

Footprints in the Sand

We Receive the Word

Scripture

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Singing TFWS #2164

Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Message

Preparation is the Key

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

We Respond to the Word

Singing #707

Hymn of Promise

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

Almighty God, your boundless miracles in nature are such a small display of your awesome deeds. You visibly enrich our lives with the bounty of the earth's beauty. How can we ever adequately honor the gift of an amethyst sunset or the fragility of a butterfly's dance? Abundantly increase these gifts so that we may be more faithful stewards of your entire creation. To you be all honor and glory. Amen. **Amen.**

We Go Forth Into the World

*Singing

Love Grows Here

*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 those 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:** Bill and Vicky VanDalsen, Kathy DenHollander
- ☀ **Ushers:** Chuck and Janice Starnes, Tena Podein
- ☀ **Acolytes:** Madeline Brink, Marlow Jeltema
- ☀ **Sound Tech:** Pat Carruthers
- ☀ **Computer Tech:**
- ☀ **Video Tech:** Matthias Vieau
- ☀ **Nursery:** Jessica Hughes
- ☀ **Welcome Desk:** Jim Gustafson
- ☀ **Musicians:** Sara Kropp, Adrienne Prentiss, and Liz Montcastle

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