

# Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Children and Hunger

9:30 am - November 5, 2017

## We Gather Together

Welcome

\*Singing #527

**Do Lord, Remember Me**

\*Call To Worship

One: We gather with love,  
in the name of God who loves each and every child.

**All: We gather with hope,  
as the body of Christ who is the hope of the world.**

One: We gather with justice,  
called by the Spirit whom Jesus called the Advocate.

**All: Come, let us worship on this Children's Sabbath day  
with love, hope, and justice.**

## We Receive the Word

Chancel Choir

**Children of God**

Scripture

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Children's Blessing

**I Just Wanna Be a Sheep**

Message

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

## We Respond to the Word

Singing #620

**One Bread, One Body**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Offering Our Selves and Gifts to God

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, guard the laughter of children. Bring them safely through injury and illness so they may live the promises you give. Do not let us be so preoccupied with our purposes that we fail to pay attention to their special vision of the truth; but keep us ready to love, and to serve, and to act for justice for all your children, everywhere. Amen.

## We Go Forth Into the World

\*Singing #369

**Blessed Assurance**

\*Benediction

Go forth to be the arms of God's love for every child.

Go forth to extend Christ's welcome to every child.

Go forth to be a voice for justice in the power of the Spirit.

May the God of love, hope, and justice be with you

and each child of God this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

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.

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

1150 32nd Street SW Wyoming, Michigan 49509

616-988-6738 info@wesleypark.org, www.wesleypark.org

**9:30 am Worship Servants:**

- ☀ **Greeters:** Heinz Herzog, John & Kathy Challa
- ☀ **Ushers:** Lynda Edsall, Dennis Strong, Max & Gail Gibbard, Kiarra Jones
- ☀ **Communion Servers:** Jeff & Pam Osborn, Max & Gail Gibbard, Charlie Swanson, Lynda Edsall, Joanne Gustafson, Vicky Van Dalsen, Ken & Linda McKenney
- ☀ **Acolytes:** Ava Kropp and Zach Kinney
- ☀ **Liturgist:** Jillian Fischer
- ☀ **Computer Tech:** Paula Hartley
- ☀ **Nursery:** Skyler Maitner, Sheryl Jones, Alex Fischer
- ☀ **Sound Board:** Pat Carruthers and Nate Fischer
- ☀ **Welcome Desk:** Jim Gustafson and Deb Hodges
- ☀ **Musicians:** Sara Kropp, Adrienne Prentiss, Liz Montcastle, Dave Strumfeld

- ⊠ **Rev. Dean N. Prentiss**, Pastor, dprentiss@wesleypark.org
- ⊠ **Tabi Fischer**, Office Manager, tabi@wesleypark.org
- ⊠ **Al Pittenger**, Treasurer, apittenger@wesleypark.org
- ⊠ **Anna Spencer**, Faith Formation Director, aspencer@wesleypark.org
- ⊠ **Eric Terry**, Youth Director, eterry@wesleypark.org
- ⊠ **Sara Kropp**, Music Director, sara@wesleypark.org
- ⊠ **Skyler Maitner**, Child Advocate, skyler@wesleypark.org
- ⊠ **Rostyn Properties**, Custodial Services
- ⊠ **CCLI**, #860995