

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Children and Refugees

9:30 am - November 19, 2017

We Gather Together

Welcome

Liturgical Dance: Kathy DenHollander, Pat Meyers

*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.**

*Singing #131

We Receive the Word

Scripture

Luke 14:7-14

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Imagine

We Gather Together

Children's Blessing

Chancel Choir

Message

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

Ana Jose, Bethany Christian Services

We Respond to the Word

Singing

Angel By Your Side

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 #273

Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

*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

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**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 Servants:

- ☀ **Greeters:** Bill & Vicky Van Dalsen
- ☀ **Ushers:** Chuck & Janice Starnes, Larry & Wendy Harr
- ☀ **Acolytes:** Allison Kinney, Allie Schick, Kiarra Jones
- ☀ **Computer Tech:** Kathy Carruthers
- ☀ **Nursery:** Skyler Maitner, Jessica Hughes
- ☀ **Sound Board:** Anna Spencer
- ☀ **Welcome Desk:** Deb Hodges
- ☀ **Dancers:** Kathy DenHollander, Pat Meyers
- ☀ **Musicians:** Sara Kropp, Liz Montcastle, Dave Strumfeld

- ⊠ **Rev. Dean N. Prentiss**, Pastor, dprentiss@wesleypark.org
- ⊠ **Tabi Fischer**, Office Manager, tabi@wesleypark.org
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