

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Children and Homelessness

9:30 am - November 26, 2017

We Gather Together

Welcome

*Singing

I've Got Peace Like a River

*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

Scripture

Matthew 25:31-40

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

Children's Blessing

Chancel Choir

Message

Look at the World

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

Lisa Cruden, Family Promise of Grand Rapids

We Respond to the Word

Singing

Blessings

Offering Our Selves and Gifts to God

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory

Bring the Rain

*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 #117

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

*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:** Pat Warren, Lynda Edsall
- ☀ **Ushers:** Jim Gustafson, Sheryl Jones, Bob Williams, Chuck Dear
- ☀ **Acolytes:** Avery Terry, Dakota Acosta
- ☀ **Computer Tech:** Alex Fischer
- ☀ **Nursery:** Skyler Maitner, Janice Starnes
- ☀ **Sound Board:** Anna Spencer
- ☀ **Video Tech:** Nate Fischer
- ☀ **Welcome Desk:** Deb Hodges and Tabi Fischer
- ☀ **Musicians:** Sara Kropp, Adrienne Prentiss, Dave Strumfeld, Makaila Johnson

- ⊠ **Rev. Dean N. Prentiss**, Pastor, dprentiss@wesleypark.org
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