

# Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Second Sunday in Lent  
9:15 am - February 25, 2018

## We Gather Together

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

Isaiah 40:3-5

One: A voice cries out,

**All: "In the wilderness, prepare the way of God,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

One: Every valley shall be lifted up,  
And every mountain and hill will be made low;

**All: The uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.**

One: Then the glory of God shall be revealed,

**All: And the people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of God has spoken."**

\*Singing UMH #207

**Prepare The Way Of The Lord**

Children's Blessing

Choral Anthem

***Without His Cross***

## We Receive the Word

Prayer

**Almighty God, your blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted.  
Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations. And, as  
you know the weakness of each of us, let each one find you mighty to  
save; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

***Tempted by the Easier Way***

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

## We Respond to the Word

\*Singing UMH #462

**'Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus**

Offering Our Selves and Gifts to God

Offertory

***Clinging To The Cross***

\*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

Redeeming Lord, we find it extremely difficult to deny ourselves. Our relationships and our future aspirations often seem absent of glorifying your holy name. Instead, we deceive ourselves into equating good works with faithful discipleship. The Gospel reminds us that we are called to bridge the gap between casual commitment and true discipleship. We give this offering as a way to move toward closer discipleship with you. In Jesus' name, we pray.  
**Amen.**

## We Go Forth Into the World

\*Singing UMH #670

**Go Forth For God**

\*Benediction

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. 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:** Lynda Edsall and Pat Warren
- ☀ **Ushers:** Bob Williams, Sheryl Jones, Chuck Dear, Jim Gustafson, and Ken Oesch
- ☀ **Acolytes:** Avery Terry and Kiara Jones
- ☀ **Computer Tech:** Alex Fischer
- ☀ **Nursery:** Skyler Maitner, Janice Starnes (9:15am), Jessica Schick and Nicole Gibbard (11am)
- ☀ **Sound Board:** Pat Carruthers
- ☀ **Welcome Desk:** Deb Hodges and Tabi Fischer
- ☀ **Musicians:** Sara Kropp, Adrienne Prentiss, Dave Strumfeld

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