

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

9:15 am - August 19, 2018

We Gather Together

Prelude

Entrance of the Light of Christ

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Bread and Justice, UMH 639

One: O God, grant that we might comprehend how you reach out to us in everyday affairs:

All: **Coffee, on our table in the morning; the simple gesture of opening a door to go out, free; the shouts of children in the park; a familiar songs, sung by an unfamiliar face; a friendly tree that has not been cut down.**

One: May simple things speak to us of your mercy, and tell us that life can be good. And may these gifts make us remember those who do not receive them:

All: **Who have their lives cut every day, in the bread absent from their table; in the door of the hospital, the prison, the welfare home that does not open; in sad children, feet without shoes, eyes without hope; in war hymns that glorify death; in deserts where once there was life.**

One: Christ was also sacrificed; and may we learn that we participate in the saving sacrifice of Christ when we participate in the suffering of his people.

All: **Amen.**

*Hymn TFWS #2270

He Has Made Me Glad

Children's Blessing

We Receive the Word

Scripture

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Give Thanks... in Love

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

We Respond to the Word

*Hymn #162

Alleluia, Alleluia

Offering Gifts to God and the World

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory

Give Thanks

*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

Generous and loving God, you give and give to us and hold nothing back. In response, we often give meekly, worrying whether we will have enough to meet our needs and wants and falling short in our ability to trust in you. Help us to live more wisely and to give more freely, fully aware of your providence and trustworthiness and more in tune with your desires for our lives. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

We Go Forth Into the World

*Hymn #578

God of Love and God of Power

Dismissal with Blessing

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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9:15 am Worship Servants:

- ☀ **Greeters:** Kathy DenHollander, Bill & Vicky Van Dalsen
- ☀ **Ushers:** Chuck & Janice Starnes, Larry & Wendy Harr
- ☀ **Nursery:** Skyler Maitner, Pat Beadle (9:15), Erica Jones (11am)
- ☀ **Sound Tech:** Jeff Brink
- ☀ **Information Desk:** Jane Johnson
- ☀ **Musicians:** Sara Kropp, Adrienne Prentiss, Dave Strumfeld

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