

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

9:15 am - September 2, 2018

We Gather Together

Prelude

Entrance of the Light of Christ

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Season of Creation

One: Planet Earth, spinning silently through space:

All: **Celebrate your beauty and your grace,
your special place in our solar system.**

One: Planet Earth, gleaming green and blue:

All: **Rejoice in your ocean currents as they dance and swirl with hope.**

One: Planet Earth, pulsing with life:

All: **Join in praise with all your fauna and flora
as they sing their songs to the Lord.**

One: Planet Earth, enveloped in the breath of God:

All: **Bless all your creatures this day with the life-giving breath of God.**

One: Planet Earth, our precious, fragile home:

All: **Celebrate, with all your children, God's presence in our planet home,**

One: Spin, Planet Earth, spin!

All: **Sing, Planet Earth, sing!**

*We name, silently or aloud, other creatures or parts of planet Earth and
invite them to join us in praising our Creator.*

One: We celebrate the song of our planet!

All: **Sing! Planet Earth! Sing!**

*Hymn #383

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

Confession and Pardon

We Receive the Word

Scripture

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Season of Creation: Planting Sunday

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

We Respond to the Word

*Hymn

Garden Song

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Receiving the Bread and Cup

*All are welcome to receive communion! Take a piece of bread and pass the
basket to the person next to you. Hand the tray of juice to the person next to you
then take a cup. Wait until all have the bread and cup and let us receive together.
Gluten-free bread is available. Please alert the acolyte.*

Prayer after Receiving

Offering Gifts to God and the World

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

Blessed God of all creation, at this point in worship we offer gifts that are
but tokens of gratitude for the incomprehensible bounty of gifts you have
given freely to us. You have blessed us with life and breath, with sight and
hearing, with taste and touch – yet there is so much of your blessing that
our senses sometimes miss: the beauty of a flower, the smell after the rain,
the symphony that is a bird in flight or in song. As we leave our gifts in
your hands, we pray for senses heightened to see your masterpiece of
creation all around us. To your glory, we pray! Amen!

We Go Forth Into the World

*Hymn #92

For the Beauty of the Earth

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:** Heinz Herzog and Lynda Edsall
- ☀ **Ushers:** Chuck & Sally Dear, Max & Gail Gibbard
- ☀ **Nursery:** Skyler Maitner, Alex Fischer (9:15), Jorie Schafer (11am)
- ☀ **Sound Tech:** Pat Carruthers
- ☀ **Musicians:** Sara Kropp, Adrienne Prentiss, Dave Strumfeld

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