

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

9:15 am - September 23, 2018

We Gather Together

Prelude

Entrance of the Light of Christ

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Season of Creation

One: We invite the skies to worship with us:

All: **the subtle orange skies at dawn and the bold red skies at sunset.**

One: We join the heavens in praising God:

All: **proclaiming God's glory across the globe and hailing God's name with the evening stars.**

One: We join with the atmosphere in worship:

All: **the air, the moisture, the oxygen, the wind and all the expressions of God's Spirit.**

One: We call the clouds to celebrate with storms:

All: **to carry the life giving drops of rain, that give hope and healing to Earth.**

One: We invite the winds to join our petitions:

All: **to carry our prayers to God above and breathe our hopes to Christ in person.**

One: We celebrate the song of the skies!

All: **Sing! Skies! Sing!**

We name, silently or aloud, other parts of the skies and invite them to join us in praising our Creator.

One: We celebrate the song of the skies!

All: **Sing! Skies! Sing!**

*Hymn #102

Now Thank We All Our God

Children's Blessing

Chancel Choir

A Song of Thanksgiving

We Receive the Word

Scripture

Matthew 9:35-38

Season of Creation: Harvest Sunday

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

We Respond to the Word

*Hymn #314

In the Garden

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

Gracious God, Giver of Life: as we bring our gifts to you, we are reminded by the psalmist that you expect more than money from us. You desire fruitfulness from us – as you do from all creation. You have nourished us not simply to store up blessings for ourselves, but to bear fruit that will be a blessing to many. Open our hearts to perceive the life of generosity to which you've called us and for which you created us. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Christ, who gave all there was to give for us. Amen.

We Go Forth Into the World

*Hymn #664

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

**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:** Ron & Dolores Sanford, Pat Warren

☀ **Ushers:** Jim Gustafson, Ken Oesch, David Fisher

☀ **Acolytes:** Ava Kropp

☀ **Nursery:** Skyler Maitner, Janice Starnes (9:15), Nicole Gibbard (11am)

☀ **Sound Tech:** Aaron Carruthers

☀ **Computer Tech:** Max Gibbard

☀ **Information Desk:** Jane Johnson

☀ **Musicians:** Sara Kropp, Adrienne Prentiss, Dave Strumfeld

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