

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost

9:15 am - November 11, 2018

We Gather Together

Prelude

Entrance of the Light of Christ

Welcome

*Call to Worship

One: O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty.

All: We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole.

One: Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives,

All: and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we might know the joy you give your people. Amen.

*Hymn #462

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

Children's Blessing

Prayer of Confession and Pardon

One: Let us confess our sins before God and one another:

All: God of grace and glory, we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly by faith. Help us, as individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and follow where you lead, that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth. Amen.

One: May almighty God, who caused light to shine out of darkness, shine in our hearts, cleansing us from all our sins, and restoring us to the light of the knowledge of God's glory, in the face of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

We Receive the Word

Chancel Choir

River In Judea

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Trusting God, Holding On, Hoping Always

Erin VanderLaan

We Respond to the Word

Special Music:

Blessings

Offering Gifts to God and the World

Stewardship Invitation

Wreaths Across America

Offertory

Still

*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

Forgiving God, people give for so many reasons - guilt, joy, obligation, gratitude, obedience, hope, control, thankfulness. Remind us of your call to examine everything that we have; after all, our money and possessions are really gifts from you. You call us to use them wisely - to share them openly - to give them generously. So thank you for this celebration of giving. Receive this offering and release us from the foolish temptation to believe that it is best spent on ourselves. Amen.

We Go Forth Into the World

*Hymn #593

Here I Am, Lord

Charge and Benediction

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:** Nancy Chambers, Freddi Angus, Betty Stoutjesdyk
- ☀ **Ushers:** Ken & Linda McKenney, Dennis Strong, Deb Hodges
- ☀ **Sound Tech:** Jeff Brink
- ☀ **Acolytes:** Avery and Harper Terry
- ☀ **Nursery:** Skyler Maitner, Alex Fischer (9:15), Jessica Schick (11:00)
- ☀ **Information Desk:** Jane Johnson
- ☀ **Musicians:** Erin VanderLaan, Sara Kropp, Adrienne Prentiss, Dave Strumfeld

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