

# Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Second Sunday after Epiphany

9:15 am - January 20, 2019

## We Gather Together

Prelude

Welcome

\*Call To Worship

One: The grace of Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: The risen Christ is with us.

All: **Praise be to God!**

\*Hymn of Preparation UMH #533

## **We Shall Overcome**

Prayer for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

We remember the conviction of Martin Luther King, Jr., that "freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed." Therefore, let us pray for courage and determination by those who are oppressed...

We remember Martin's warning that "a negative peace which is the absence of tension" is less than "a positive peace which is the presence of justice." Therefore, let us pray that those who work for peace in our world may cry out first for justice...

We remember Martin's insight that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly." Therefore, let us pray that we may see nothing in isolation, but may know ourselves bound to one another and to all people under heaven...

We remember Martin's lament that "the contemporary church is often a weak, ineffectual voice with an uncertain sound. It is so often the arch-supporter of the status quo. Far from being disturbed by the presence of the Church, the power structure of the average community is consoled by the Church's silent and often vocal sanction of things as they are." Therefore, let us pray that neither this congregation nor any congregation of God's people may be silent in the face of

wrong, but that we may be disturbers of the status quo when that is God's call to us...

We remember Martin's "hope that dark clouds of racial prejudice will soon pass away and the deep fog of misunderstanding will be lifted from our fear-drenched communities and in some not too distant tomorrow the radiant stars of love will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty." Therefore, in faith, let us commend ourselves and our work for justice to the goodness of almighty God.

Amen.

(Quotations from Letter from the Birmingham City Jail by Martin Luther King, Jr.)

Children's Blessing

Choral Anthem

**One Song**

## We Receive the Word

Scripture

Jeremiah 29:11

*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,  
plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.*

Sermon

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

## We Respond to the Word

\*Hymn of Response #427

## **Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life**

Offering Gifts to God and the World

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

## We Go Forth Into the World

\*Hymn of Hope #568

**Christ for the World We Sing**

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:** Kathy DenHollander, Bill and Vicky Van Dalsen
- ☀ **Ushers:** Chuck and Janice Starnes, Larry and Wendy Harr
- ☀ **Acolyte:** Zach Kinney
- ☀ **Sound Tech:** Ross Vanderlaan
- ☀ **Video Tech:** Steven Carruthers
- ☀ **Computer Tech:** Erin Vanderlaan
- ☀ **Information Desk:** Jane Johnson
- ☀ **Nursery:** Skyler Maitner, Pat Beadle (9:15am), Erica Jones (11:00am)
- ☀ **Musicians:** Sara Kropp, Adrienne Prentiss, Dave Strumfeld

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