

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

God of all Ages, you have emptied the tomb and set us free from our burdens. Hope has overshadowed fear. Comfort has replaced neglect. Faith has gained victory over doubt. The bounds of everyday living, often overwhelming our souls and weakening our spirits, are liberated by Jesus Christ. Today, we recommit to offering comfort, hope, and faith as your generous disciples to others who are driven by fear, neglect, and doubt. We offer these gifts in honor of your Easter promise. **Alleluia and Amen.**

We Take the Word into the World

***Charge**

Go out with joy to tell the good news: Jesus Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

***9 am Hymn 308**

Thine Be the Glory

***11 am Praise**

Revelation Song

***Blessing**

Grace and peace to all who have an undying love for our living Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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 & 11 am Easter Celebration

March 27, 2016

We Gather Together

Gathering Music

(11 am) **My Redeemer Lives**

Greeting

Early on the first day of the week, the disciples of Jesus went to the tomb where he had been buried only to find that the stone had been rolled away and the tomb was empty. Friends, we gather here as Christ's disciples, on the first day of the week, to celebrate the good news of the gospel: Jesus Christ has risen from the dead!

*Call to Worship

One: Rejoice and be glad:

All: This is the day that the Lord has made!

One: Rejoice and be glad:

All: Heaven and earth will never be the same!

One: Rejoice and be glad:

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

*9 am Hymn 302

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

*11 am Praise

Today is the Day

We Receive the Word

Prayer of Preparation

Living God, by your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the new light of this day; open our lips to tell of the empty tomb; open our hearts to believe the good news; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

Children's Blessing

9 am Anthem

On the Third Day

By Allen Pote

Sermon

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

We Respond to the Word

*9 am Hymn 310

He Lives

*11 am Praise

How Great Is Our God

Prayers of Intercession

Living God, here is our prayer:

Make of this world your new creation!

Before we call, you answer, O Lord. Before we speak, you know our words. Let there be joy in Jerusalem, and peace among all nations.

Living God, here is our prayer:

Make of this world your new creation!

Let sounds of weeping and cries of distress turn to shouts of joy and laughter.

Living God, here is our prayer:

Make of this world your new creation!

Let infants grow and thrive; let the old dance like children.

Living God, here is our prayer:

Make of this world your new creation!

Let every person find a home and enjoy the fruit of their labor.

Living God, here is our prayer:

Make of this world your new creation!

Let the wolf and the lamb live in peace; let no one hurt or destroy another.

Living God, here is our prayer:

Make of this world your new creation!

Show us, O God, the holy mountain you have prepared, the new heaven and new earth you have promised, so that we may be glad and rejoice in your presence forever; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Offering our Lives to Serve Christ

Stewardship Celebration and Invitation

Offertory

(11 am) **There is None Like You**

*9 am 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!