

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent
10:00 am - March 31, 2019

We Gather Together

Prelude

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation UMH #657

*Call To Worship

One: Rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God,

All: **for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,**

and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

Children's Choir

I Love To Sing, Sing, Sing

Children's Blessing

Prayer of Confession and Pardon

God of truth, how difficult it is for us to be truthful before you. We want to hide our anxieties and fears, our resentments and self-centeredness. Cut through our evasions by the truth of your word, and help us to be honest.

Silent prayer.

God of mercy, your hopes for us are greater than our own, yet our failures do not surprise you. Forgive us, we pray, even for the sin we cannot see or find it painful to confess.

Silent prayer.

God of love, accept us as we are, so that we may accept ourselves. Teach us to affirm what is good in our lives, and to put behind us what is unworthy, that by your grace we may live in confidence and joy, in the manner of Jesus our Christ.

Silent prayer.

The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. May our merciful God grant us remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of the Spirit. **Amen.**

We Receive the Word

Combined Choirs

I Will Rise

Scripture

Mark 14:3-9

John 12:1-8

Sermon

The First Dinner: Risking Rejection

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

We Respond to the Word

*Hymn of Response UMH #561

Jesus, United by Thy Grace

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

We Go Forth Into the World

*Hymn of Hope UMH #98

To God Be The Glory

Benediction

Grant, O Lord, that what has been said with our lips we may believe with our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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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9:15 am Worship Servants:

- ☼ **Greeters:** Lynda Edsall, Nancy Chambers, Betty Stoutjesdyk
- ☼ **Ushers:** Deb Hodges, Dennis Strong, Craig Cox, Lynda Edsall
- ☼ **Acolyte:** Madeline and Isabelle Brink
- ☼ **Computer Tech:** Kathy Carruthers
- ☼ **Sound Tech:** Aaron Carruthers
- ☼ **Information Desk:** Jane Johnson
- ☼ **Nursery:** Skyler Maitner, Laura Reidel (10am)
- ☼ **Musicians:** Sara Kropp, Adrienne Prentiss, Dave Strumfeld

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