

Offering our Lives to Serve Christ

Stewardship Celebration and Invitation

Offertory

(11 am) **Mighty to Save**

***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!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We Take the Word into the World

***Charge**

Go to celebrate all that God has done as Christ breathes new life into you, sending you out with the Spirit of forgiveness and faith for the life of the world.

***9 am Hymn 304**

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

***11 am Praise**

Hosanna

***Blessing**

May you be filled with the grace and peace of the God who is and was and is to come, and with the Spirit of Jesus Christ, God's faithful witness, who loves us and sets us free. **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 Second Sunday of Easter

April 3, 2016

We Gather Together

Gathering Music

(11 am) **Forever Reign**

(11 am) **Let It Rise**

Greeting

***Call to Worship**

One: Easter people, let us pray:

All: God of the Rising, you open the tomb and invite us to sing and dance in the new life you give us. In Jesus Christ, whose wounds are not erased but glorified in resurrection, touch our wounds that they may be transformed into channels of healing for others. Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power to forgive so that all may have new life. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

***9 am Hymn 307**

Christ is Risen

We Receive the Word

Children's Blessing

9 am Anthem

Come Now, Christians, Join to Sing!

Arranged by Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

Prayer of Preparation

Living God, as the risen Christ came into the locked room of the first disciples, may your Word enter into us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that we who have not seen may yet believe. Amen.

Gospel

Luke 20:19-31

Sermon

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

We Respond to the Word

***9 am Hymn 128**

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

***11 am Praise**

Blessings

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Prayers of Intercession

Holy One, you have made us and redeemed us through Christ to be your kingdom. Help us to be wounded healers who bring your peace into the world.

As you sent Christ, now send us.

We pray for the church around the world in all its local expressions, that we and our leaders may truly be your kingdom, serving not ourselves but your glory.

As you sent Christ, now send us.

We pray for those who cannot see you and yet desire to believe. As you sent Christ, now send us. We pray for religious and secular authorities who speak truth to power.

As you sent Christ, now send us.

We pray for those who need healing and hope, who are searching for the possibility of new life.

As you sent Christ, now send us.

We pray for those in our world who are wounded, those who suffer from war, oppression, famine, and disease.

As you sent Christ, now send us.

God who is and was and is to be, be for us the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the Almighty. Grant that we might be your forgiveness, your peace, and your resurrecting good news, through Jesus Christ, your faithful witness and our Lord, the firstborn of the dead and the ruler of all the kings of the earth. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Receiving the Bread and Cup

We believe in an open Communion Table. All who seek the Love of Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the gifts of bread and cup today. Gluten-free bread is available. The cups are filled with grape juice. Please follow the instructions to receive this gift of Communion with Christ and the world.

Prayer after Receiving