

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Easter Sunday

7:00 am - April 21, 2018

We Gather Together

Call to Worship

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: Almighty God, through Christ you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate the risen Son, by the renewing of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

All: Amen.

We Receive the Word

Gathering Together

The Easter Witness

One: On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.

All: Hallelujah!

One: And the women departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Hail!"

All: Hallelujah!

One: And Mary stood weeping outside the tomb with fear and great joy. And she said, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Saying this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know it was Jesus. And Jesus said to her, "Mary." And she turned and said to him, "Master."

All: Hallelujah!

One: That very day, two of the disciples were going to a village name Emmaus. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. And they recognized him in the breaking of the bread.

All: Hallelujah!

One: On the evening of that day, the doors being shut where the disciples were, Jesus came and stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

All: Hallelujah!

One: Simon Peter said unto the disciples, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." And that night they caught nothing. But just as the day was breaking, Jesus stood on the beach. And the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord."

All: Hallelujah!

One: Now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight, through Jesus Christ: to whom be glory for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

We Respond to the Word

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

... Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Receiving

We Take the Word into the World

Benediction

The Wesley Park Youth Group invite you to stay after service for a delicious breakfast in the Family Life Center. It is free, but if you would like to make a donation towards the youth's mission trip, there will be donation envelopes by the door.



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Easter Sunrise Service
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