

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Easter Sunday
9:15 am - April 21, 2019

We Gather Together

Prelude

Choral Call to Worship

Let the Alleluias Ring

*Call To Worship

One: Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

One: Lord of life, submitting to death, you conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross you draw all peoples to you. By being raised from the dead you restored to humanity all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these fifty days of Easter we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity.

All: **Amen!**

*Hymn of Preparation UMH #310

He Lives

Children's Blessing

All children are invited to come forward for the Children's Blessing. Today we will consider what resurrection means. After the blessing, Children are welcome to stay in worship and talk about what they experienced with their friends and family throughout the day.

Intercessions for the Easter Season

One: People of God, as we gather in the glory of new life, let us join our hearts in praise and thanksgiving to the One who is eternal love.

All: O God, our light, our beauty, our rest: In the resurrection of your Son you have brought us into your new creation. Form us into your people, and order our lives in you; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Receive the Word

Choral Anthem

Glorious Risen Christ!

Scripture

Luke 24:1-12

Sermon

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

We Respond to the Word

*Hymn of Response UMH #322

Up From The Grave He Arose

Offering Gifts to God and the World

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory

Deb Hodges and Adrienne Prentiss

*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

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 Go Forth Into the World

*Hymn of Hope UMH #327

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Benediction

We are sent forth in the power of Christ's resurrection. **Alleluia!**

The grace of the love of Jesus Christ, and the hope found in God our creator, and the community formed by the Holy Spirit sends us out rejoicing! **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:** Kathy DenHollander, Bill & Vicky Van Dalsen
- ☀ **Ushers:** Chuck & Janice Starnes, Larry & Wendy Harr
- ☀ **Acolyte:** Zach Kinney
- ☀ **Sound Tech:** Ross Vanderlaan
- ☀ **Computer Tech:** Erin Vanderlaan
- ☀ **Information Desk:** Jane Johnson
- ☀ **Nursery:** Skyler Maitner, Pat Beadle (9:15am), Erica Jones (11:00am)
- ☀ **Musicians:** Deb Hodges, Sara Kropp, Adrienne Prentiss, Dave Strumfeld

- ⊠ **Rev. Dean N. Prentiss**, Pastor, dprentiss@wesleypark.org
- ⊠ **Tabi Fischer**, Office Manager, tabi@wesleypark.org
- ⊠ **Eric Terry**, Youth Director, eterry@wesleypark.org
- ⊠ **Sara Kropp**, Music Director and Treasurer, sara@wesleypark.org
- ⊠ **Skyler Maitner**, Child Advocate, skyler@wesleypark.org
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