

We Take the Word into the World

***Charge**

Go forth with the spirit of wisdom and hope,
with eyes enlightened and minds aroused by the power of Christ.
Be assured that wherever you go, Christ is with you.
Be kind to all who are sent your way
because of the Holy Spirit who gives you the power.

***Hymn 327**

(9 am) **Crown Him with Many Crowns**

***Praise**

(11 am) **Let It Rise**

By Holland Davis

***Blessing**

Now may the One who gives you all that you are,
strengthen you in faith and hope, this day and forevermore.

Postlude

Celebration

Hughes

*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 Ascension Sunday

May 8, 2016

We Gather Together

Gathering Music

(9 am) **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

arr. Mickelson

(11 am) **Christ Is Risen**

By Mia Fieldes and Matt Maher

(11 am) **Let It Rise**

By Holland Davis

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: Risen with Christ, let us seek the realities of the Spirit.

All: Our life is hidden with Christ in God.

One: He who descended is also ascended above the heavens, that he might fill all things.

**All: When Christ appears, we shall appear with him in glory.
Alleluia!**

One: Almighty God, our Savior Jesus Christ ascended.

All: Give us faith to know that he abides with the Church on earth, and that he weaves us together, with you and the Holy Spirit, to love and bless the world. Amen.

*Hymn 154

(9 am) **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

Children's Choir

Be Thankful

By Herb Owen

Someone Special

By Dennis Scott

Children's Blessing

Prayer for Mothers

Anthem

(9 am) **This Is My Word**

By Pepper Choplin

We Receive the Word

Prayer of Preparation

By the power of the Holy Spirit open our minds to the Word, your Son, who comes to us as one of us and ascends to the heavens to remain with us. Amen.

Scripture

Luke 24:44-53

...Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Sermon

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

We Respond to the Word

*Hymn 157

(9 am) **Jesus Shall Reign**

*Praise

(11 am) **Weave, Weave**

By Rosemary Crow

Offering our Lives to Serve Christ

Stewardship Celebration and Invitation

Offertory

(9 am) **In the Garden**

arr. Mickelson

(11 am) **The Only Name (Yours Will Be)**

By Benji Cowan

*Doxology #64 (9 am)

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

Gracious and giving God, you are the One who first has given to us all that we need for life. Guide us to use what we now gather for the well-being of your church, for those in need of shelter and food, for all who suffer for want of your Word, and for nurturing faith in your people. In the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.