

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Proper 20

9 am - September 18, 2016

We Gather Together

Prelude **Rejoice, the Lord is King!** (Darwall/Innes)

Greeting

***Call to Worship** **Excerpts from Who Stole My Church**

One: Ernie read Acts 20:28 a second time: "Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood." Whose church is it?

All: "God's church because he bought it with his blood... Jesus' blood actually."

One: "What does that tell you about God's feelings about the church?"

All: "I gave the only answer that made sense to me: 'God sees the church as precious... valuable... important.'"

One: "Perhaps we need to ask if the church doesn't have a lot more going for it than you've thought..."

***Hymn #529** **How Firm a Foundation**

Children's Blessing

We Receive the Word

Gift of Music **We Are the Church** (Besig/Price)

Prayer of Preparation

Scripture Hebrews 13:8

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday today and forever."

Sermon **Looking Back** Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

We Respond to the Word

***Hymn** **Lead Me, Guide Me** (Doris Akers)

Stewardship Celebration and Invitation

Offertory **Morning Has Broken** (Gaelic/Wilson)

***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

***Hymn** **When the Church of Jesus**

***Blessing**

"When the church of Jesus shuts its outer door,
Lest the roar of traffic drown the voice of prayer,
Mayor prayers, Lord make us ten times more aware
That the world we banish is our Christian care."
Go now in peace; and may the Peace of Christ go with you.

Postlude **Psalm XIX** (Marcello/Buszin)

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**Please stand as you are able or comfortable.*

Ministering Today - 9 am

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| Greeters | Bill VanDalsen, Vicky VanDalsen, Kathy DenHollander |
| Acolyte | Anna Reidel |
| Ushers | Chuck Starnes, Janice Starnes, David Waugh, Tena Podein |
| Musician | Liz Montcastle |
| Sound Tech | Dan Scribner |
| Video Tech | Donna Workman |
| Nursery | Skyler Maitner, Patricia Beadle |
| Child Advocate | Phyllis Prentiss, Skyler Maitner |

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