

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Proper 24

9 am - October 16, 2016

We Gather Together

Prelude **Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty** (Parks)

Greeting

***Act of Centering** National Convocation of Asian American Churches

One: Behold: the ripples of fire buried deep in the dark, rich ground.

**All: We are here; we bring our memories and legacy.
We bring our bamboo and rice, our taro and palm.
We bring our earth and ocean.**

One: Behold: the rice shoots that burst out from the ground
and reach toward the sun.

**All: We are here; we bring our struggles and hopes.
We bring our shovels, picks, and irons.
We bring our broken hands and weeping hearts.**

One: Behold: the golden flower that blooms
with all the beauty and power and fragrance of almighty God.

**All: We are not yet here; but we are coming. Help us, O God,
to open our minds; to open our hearts; to open our spirits
to the bright potential you have given us in each moment
of life.**

***Hymn** **Hope of the World** (Harkness/Copes)

Children's Blessing

Choral Anthem **Merciful God** (Gett/Townend/Courtney)

We Receive the Word

Prayer of Preparation

Scripture Hebrews 13:1-3

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

We Respond to the Word

***Hymn 568** **Christ, for the World we Sing** (Walcott/Giardini)

Stewardship Celebration and Invitation

Offertory **Have Thine Own way, Lord** (Stebbins/Hustad)

***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**

Thank you, Creator of the universe, for the people gathered
around us today. We give thanks for the things of the earth that
give us the means of life.

**Thank you for the plants, animals, and birds that we use
as food and medicine.**

Thank you for the natural world, in which we find the means to
be clothed and housed.

**Thank you, Lord, for the ability to use these gifts of the
natural world.**

Help us to see our place among these gifts, not to squander them
or think of them as means for selfish gain.

**May we respect the life of all you have made. May our
spirits be strengthened by using only what we need, and
may we use our strength to help those who need us.**

Amen.

We Take the Word into the World

***Hymn 571** **Go, Make of All Disciples** (Atkins/Smart)

***Blessing**

Postlude **With Trumpets and Horns** (Handel/Lorenz)

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

Ministering Today - 9 am

Greeters	Bill & Vicky VanDalsen, Kathy DenHollander
Acolyte	Dakota Acosta
Ushers	Chuck & Janice Starnes, David Waugh, Tena Podein
Musician	Liz Montcastle
Sound Tech	Anna Spencer
Video Tech	Donna Workman
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