

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday after Pentecost – June 11, 2023

Responsive Call to Worship

Rejoice in the Lord, you people of God!

We will sing songs old and new to praise our God.

God loves righteousness and justice;

We will do our best to serve God faithfully.

The earth is full of God's steadfast love.

We come to worship with glad hearts, to offer our love and loyalty.

Hymn 434 For the beauty of the earth

**1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**

**2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**

**3. For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**

**4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**

5. For each perfect gift of thine,

**to the earth so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**

Prayer of Praise *(minister)*

Hymn **672 Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult**

- 1. Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea;
day by day his voice still calls us
saying, 'Christian, follow me.'**
- 2. As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and work and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.**
- 3. Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, 'Christian, love me more.'**
- 4. In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these.'**
- 5. Jesus calls us: by your mercies,
Saviour, may we hear your call,
give our hearts in glad obedience,
serve and love you best of all.**

Prayer of Confession (congregation)

**O God, we confess that we often stray from your presence.
You have offered us peace, yet our lives feel frustrating and
unsettled in these times. You offer us compassion, yet we
feel neglected and resentful amid life's challenges. You offer
us a mission with meaning and purpose, but we become
preoccupied with our own plans and desires. Forgive us, O
God, and draw our attention back to you so that we follow
your guidance and trust you as our shepherd.**

The Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. For ever
and ever. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon *(minister)*

Hymn 637 Take my life, and let it be consecrated

- 1. Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days:
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
- 2. Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**
- 3. Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.**
- 4. Take my silver and my gold:
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.**
- 5. Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.**
- 6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

¹ Let the godly sing for joy to the Lord;
it is fitting for the pure to praise him.

**² Praise the Lord with melodies on the lyre;
make music for him on the ten-stringed harp.**

³ Sing a new song of praise to him;
play skillfully on the harp, and sing with joy.

**⁴ For the word of the Lord holds true,
and we can trust everything he does.**

⁵ He loves whatever is just and good;
the unfailing love of the Lord fills the earth.

**⁶ The Lord merely spoke,
and the heavens were created.**

He breathed the word,
and all the stars were born.

⁷ He assigned the sea its boundaries
and locked the oceans in vast reservoirs.

**⁸ Let the whole world fear the Lord,
and let everyone stand in awe of him.**

⁹ For when he spoke, the world began!
It appeared at his command.

**¹⁰ The Lord frustrates the plans of the nations
and thwarts all their schemes.**

¹¹ But the Lord's plans stand firm forever;
his intentions can never be shaken.

**¹² What joy for the nation whose God is the Lord,
whose people he has chosen as his inheritance.**

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Scripture Lessons

Genesis 12:1-9

p. 9 pew Bible

Romans 4:13-25

p. 262 NT & Psalms

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

p. 17 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Called?

Prayers of the People *(minister)*

Hymn 640 Softly and tenderly

**1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me:
patiently Jesus is waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.**

Refrain:

**“Come home, (come home,) come home, (come home),
ye who are weary, come home”;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, “Come home!”**

**2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me?**

Refrain:

**“Come home, (come home,) come home, (come home),
ye who are weary, come home”;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, “Come home!”**

**3. Oh for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me;
though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me.**

Refrain:

**“Come home, (come home,) come home, (come home),
ye who are weary, come home”;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, “Come home!”**

Offering & Offertory

***Doxology 830 Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Prayer of Dedication (congregation)

**God of healing and hope, you offer us what we need in
Christ Jesus, not always what we want. Bless our gifts and**

use them to meet needs in lives touched by the outreach of our church. Give each of us courage to reach out in Jesus' name whenever you call. Amen.

Hymn 651 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

**1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**

**2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

Choral Blessing

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will be with you each hour of every day.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

Benediction

Three-fold Amen

Piano Postlude