

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday after Pentecost – June 18, 2023

Responsive Call to Worship

Holy and generous is God, the Creator of all things.

Loving and gracious is Christ, the Bearer of healing and hope.

Gentle and wise is the Holy Spirit, the Breath of new life.

Trinity of grace, we call on you today.

Come and worship the God who made us and loves us all!

We come with joyful praise and hopeful hearts!

Hymn 815 New every morning is the love

- 1. New every morning is the love
our waking and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought,
restored to life and power and thought.**
- 2. New mercies each returning day
around us hover while we pray,
new perils past, new sins forgiven,
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.**
- 3. If on our daily course our mind
be set to hallow all we find,
new treasures still of countless price
God will provide for sacrifice.**
- 4. The trivial round, the common task,
will furnish all we ought to ask,
room to deny ourselves, a road
to bring us daily nearer God.**
- 5. Only, O Lord, in thy dear love,
fit us for perfect rest above,
and help us, this and every day
to live more nearly as we pray.**

Prayer of Praise *(minister)*

Hymn 331 The God of Abraham praise

- 1. The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above,**

**ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love.**

**Almighty, great I Am!
by earth and heaven confessed,
I bow and bless the sacred name
forever blest.**

**2. The God of Abraham praise,
at whose supreme command
from earth I rise and seek the joys
at God's right hand.**

**I all on earth forsake,
its wisdom, fame, and power,
the Lord my only portion make,
my shield and tower.**

**3. Though nature's strength decay,
and earth and hell withstand,
to Canaan's bounds I urge my way
at God's command;
the watery deep I pass
with Jesus in my view,
and through the howling wilderness
my way pursue.**

**4. The goodly land I see,
with peace and plenty blest,
a land of sacred liberty
and endless rest;
there milk and honey flow,
and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow,
with mercy crowned.**

**5. There dwells the Lord our King,
the Lord our Righteousness;
triumphant o'er the world and sin,
the Prince of Peace
on Zion's sacred height
God's kingdom still maintains,
and glorious with the saints in light
forever reigns.**

**6. The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high;
“hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost”
they ever cry.
Hail Abraham’s God, and mine!
I join the heavenly lays;
all might and majesty are thine,
and endless praise.**

Prayer of Confession (congregation)

The diversity in your creation amazes us, but we confess we often prefer what seems familiar. We’d like everyone to speak our language. We wish others held our values and shared our customs. We fail to see how our own preferences affect others and the earth itself in harmful ways. Forgive our easy assumptions, and teach us to listen to the stories others tell with open minds and hearts.

- silent confession -

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 661 We give thee but thine own

**1. We give thee but thine own,
whate’er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**2. May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our first fruits give.**

**3. To comfort and to bless,
to find a balm for woe,
to tend the lonely in distress
is angels' work below.**

**4. The captive to release,
to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace,
it is a Christlike thing,**

**5. and we believe thy word,
though dim our faith may be:
whate'er for thine we do, O Lord,
we do it unto thee.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 p. 564 NT & Psalms

¹ I love the Lord because he hears my voice
and my prayer for mercy.

**² Because he bends down to listen,
I will pray as long as I have breath!**

¹² What can I offer the Lord
for all he has done for me?

**¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and praise the Lord's name for saving me.**

¹⁴ I will keep my promises to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.

**¹⁵ The Lord cares deeply
when his loved ones die.**

¹⁶ O Lord, I am your servant;
yes, I am your servant, born into your household;
you have freed me from my chains.

**¹⁷ I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord.**

¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people—

**¹⁹ in the house of the Lord
in the heart of Jerusalem.**

Praise the Lord!

Scripture Lessons

Genesis 18:1-15 p. 12 pew Bible

Romans 5:1-8 p. 263 NT & Psalms

Matthew 9:35-10:8 p. 18 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Hospitality and laughter

Prayers of the People *(minister)*

Hymn 77 From all that dwell below the skies

1. From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator's praise arise:
let the Redeemer's name be sung
through every land, in every tongue.

2. Eternal are your mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends your word:
your praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.

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 grace and goodness, your world is full of gifts that sustain our lives. We offer our gifts in gratitude. Bless them and make them signs of your presence at work in the world, touching lives in need with your love and strength in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn 65 All people that on earth do dwell

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth; his praise forth tell.
Come ye before him and rejoice.

2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;

**we are his flock, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**3. Oh enter then his gates with praise;
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.**

**4. For why, the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

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