

**St. Mark's Presbyterian Church**  
**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 6, 2023**

**Responsive Call to Worship**

Our God is faithful in words, and gracious in action.

**Our eyes look to God for nurture in every season.**

God is near to all who call out in truth.

**God satisfies every living thing.**

God watches over all who offer love and praise,

**So we will praise God's holy name for ever and ever.**

**Hymn 291 Thou Whose almighty Word**

**1. Thou whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard  
and took their flight,  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray  
Let There Be Light!**

**2. Saviour who came to bring  
on thy redeeming wing  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
now to all humankind  
Let There Be Light!**

**3. Spirit of truth and love,  
lifegiving, holy Dove,  
speed forth thy flight;  
move o'er the waters' face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
Let There Be Light!**

**4. Blessed and holy Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might,  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,**

through the world, far and wide,  
Let There Be Light!

**Prayer of Praise**      *(minister)*

**Hymn 327 Sing praise to God who reigns above**

**1. Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation;  
with healing balm my soul is filled  
and every faithless murmur stilled:  
to God all praise and glory.**

**2. The angel host, O King of kings,  
your praise forever telling,  
in earth and sky all living things  
beneath your shadow dwelling,  
adore the wisdom which could span,  
and power which formed creation's plan:  
to God all praise and glory.**

**3. What God's almighty power has made  
in mercy God is keeping;  
by morning glow or evening shade.  
nor slumbering nor sleeping.  
Where'er God rules in sovereign might  
there all is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory.**

**4. Then all my gladsome way along  
I sing aloud your praises,  
that all may hear the grateful song  
my voice unwearied raises:  
be joyful in the Lord, my heart,  
both soul and body bear your part:  
to God all praise and glory.**

**5. All you that name Christ's holy name,  
give God all praise and glory:  
all who confess Christ's power proclaim  
aloud the wondrous story.  
Cast every idol from its throne,**

**for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:  
to God all praise and glory.**

### **Prayer of Confession (congregation)**

**In Jesus you show us the way of compassion and forgiveness, yet we neglect the suffering of others. We blame and judge each other in the moments you call us to act with kindness and mercy. Free us from greed and from grievance. Open our hearts so that we may embody Jesus' teachings and walk in his way.**

**- 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 749 Be still my soul**

**1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;  
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to thy God to order and provide;  
in every change God faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake  
to guide the future wisely, as the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
the voice that ruled them here on earth below.**

**3. Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,  
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,  
then shalt thou better know God's love, God's heart,**

who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.  
**Be still, my soul: thy Jesus can repay  
from his own fullness all death takes away.**

**4. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

## Responsive Reading Psalm 17:1-7, 15      p. 467 NT & Psalms

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, hear my plea for justice.

Listen to my cry for help.

Pay attention to my prayer,  
for it comes from honest lips.

**<sup>2</sup>Declare me innocent,  
for you see those who do right.**

<sup>3</sup>You have tested my thoughts and examined my heart in the night.

You have scrutinized me and found nothing wrong.

I am determined not to sin in what I say.

**<sup>4</sup>I have followed your commands,  
which keep me from following cruel and evil people.**

<sup>5</sup>My steps have stayed on your path;

I have not wavered from following you.

**<sup>6</sup>I am praying to you because I know you will answer, O God.  
Bend down and listen as I pray.**

<sup>7</sup>Show me your unfailing love in wonderful ways.

By your mighty power you rescue  
those who seek refuge from their enemies.

**<sup>15</sup>Because I am righteous, I will see you.  
When I awake, I will see you face to face and be satisfied.**

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## Scripture Lessons

Genesis 32:22-31      p. 27 pew Bible

Romans 9:1-5      p. 269 NT & Psalms

Matthew 14:13-21      p. 28 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

***People: Thanks be to God!***

**Sermon Not WWE**

**Prayers of the People** (minister)

**Hymn 325 Eternal Father, strong to save**

**1. Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
who bade the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep:  
oh hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.**

**2. O Christ, whose voice the waters heard  
and hushed their raging at thy word,  
who walked upon the foaming deep  
and calm amid the storm did sleep:  
oh hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.**

**3. O Holy Spirit, who did brood  
upon the waters dark and rude,  
and bade their angry tumult cease,  
and gave, for wild confusion, peace:  
oh hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.**

**4. O Trinity of love and power,  
our kindred shield in danger's hour;  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
then evermore shall rise to thee  
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.**

**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)

**Blessed are you, God of all creation, for all your good gifts.  
Use the gifts we offer to spread your goodness in Jesus'**

**name. Let your Spirit work through us so that your goodness will move through us into the world wherever we go. Amen.**

**Hymn 374 O for a thousand tongues to sing**

**1. Oh for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of God's grace.**

**2. Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
and bids our sorrows cease:  
'tis music in the sinner's ears;  
'tis life and health and peace.**

**3. He speaks, and listening to his voice  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
the humble poor believe.**

**4. Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,  
your tongues again employ;  
you blind, behold your Saviour comes,  
and leap, you lame, for joy.**

**5. My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
and spread through all the earth abroad  
the honours of thy name.**

**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**