

Knox & St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – August 13, 2023

Responsive Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord!

We will tell the world what God has done.

Let us bring praise to the name of our Maker.

We will honour God's name with shouts of joy!

Be mindful of all that God provides for us.

Let us give thanks for all the wonders God has made!

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 451 Dear Father, Lord of humankind

1. Dear Father, Lord of humankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.
2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.
3. O sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Je sus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love.
4. With that deep hush subduing all
our words and works that drown
the ten der whisper of thy call,
as noiseless let thy blessing fall
as fell thy manna down.
5. Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of Thy peace.
6. Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and Thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.

Prayer of Confession (congregation)

Merciful and patient God, we confess that we still experience fear and doubt, even though you reach out to us with saving grace. You call us to live with courage and perseverance, yet we can give up too easily and opt for the safer route. You encourage us to be bold in our struggles for justice, yet we remain silent in the face of unfairness. Forgive us all the times we let you down. Renew our lives through your mercy and grace.

- 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 284 Revive your work, O Lord

**1. Revive your work, O Lord:
your mighty arm make bare;
speak with the voice which wakes the dead,
and make your people hear.**

**2. Revive your work, O Lord:
disturb this sleep of death;
ignite the smouldering embers now
by your almighty breath.**

**3. Revive your work, O Lord:
create soul thirst for you,
and hunger for the bread of life,
our spirits to renew.**

**4. Revive your work, O Lord:
exalt your precious name,
and by the Holy Spirit come**

and set our love aflame.

**5. Revive your work, O Lord:
give power unto your word;
grant that your living gospel may
in living faith be heard.**

**6. Revive your work, O Lord:
give pentecostal showers;
the glory shall be all your own;
the blessing, Lord, be ours.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b p. 552 NT & Psalms

¹Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness.
Let the whole world know what he has done.

²Sing to him; yes, sing his praises.

Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds.

³Exult in his holy name;
rejoice, you who worship the Lord.

**⁴Search for the Lord and for his strength;
continually seek him.**

⁵Remember the wonders he has performed,
his miracles, and the rulings he has given,

**⁶you children of his servant Abraham,
you descendants of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

¹⁶He called for a famine on the land of Canaan,
cutting off its food supply.

**¹⁷Then he sent someone to Egypt ahead of them—
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.**

¹⁸They bruised his feet with fetters
and placed his neck in an iron collar.

**¹⁹Until the time came to fulfill his dreams,
the Lord tested Joseph's character.**

²⁰Then Pharaoh sent for him and set him free;
the ruler of the nation opened his prison door.

**²¹Joseph was put in charge of all the king's household;
he became ruler over all the king's possessions.**

²²He could instruct the king's aides as he pleased
and teach the king's advisers.

Scripture Lessons

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 p. 31 pew Bible
Romans 10:5-15 p. 272 NT & Psalms
Matthew 14:22-33 p. 29 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon **Sibling rivalry**

Prayers of the People *(minister)*

Hymn **366 Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts**

- 1. Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,
thou fount, thou light for all to see:
from the best bliss that earth imparts
we turn unfilled again to thee.**
- 2. Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
thou savest those that on thee call;
to those who seek thee thou art good;
to those who find thee, all in all.**
- 3. We taste thee, O thou living bread,
and long to feast upon thee still;
we drink of thee, the fountain head,
and thirst our souls from thee to fill.**
- 4. For thee our restless spirits yearn
where'er our changeful lot is cast,
glad when thy gracious smile we see,
blest when our faith can hold thee fast.**
- 5. O Jesus, always with us stay,
make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away;
shed o'er the world thy holy light.**

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)

Loving God, not only with our words, but with our lives and resources we will proclaim that you are in our midst. Take these gifts and use them so all might know that your love, your life, your hope, your healing is near to them. Amen.

Hymn 371 Love divine, all loves excelling

**1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.**

**Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**

**2. Breathe, oh breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!**

**Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest;
take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

**3. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return and never,
never more thy temples leave.**

**Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**4. Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly re stored in thee,
changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,**

**till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.**

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