

**St. Mark's Presbyterian Church  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – June 16, 2024**

**Responsive Call to Worship**

**Hymn 330 O God, our help in ages past**

- 1. O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home.**
- 2. Under the shadow of thy throne  
thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defence is sure.**
- 3. Be fore the hills in order stood,  
or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting thou art God,  
to endless years the same.**
- 4. A thousand ages in thy sight  
are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.**
- 5. Time, like an everrolling stream,  
bears all our years away.  
They fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.**
- 6. O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home.**

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

**Hymn 55 God moves in a mysterious way**

- 1. God moves in a mysterious way  
his wonders to perform;  
he plants his footsteps in the sea,  
and rides upon the storm.**
- 2. Deep in unfathomable mines**

**of never-failing skill  
he treasures up his bright designs,  
and works his sovereign will.**

**3. Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;  
the clouds ye so much dread  
are big with mercy, and shall break  
in blessings on your head.**

**4. Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,  
but trust him for his grace;  
behind a frowning providence  
he hides a smiling face.**

**5. His purposes will ripen fast,  
unfolding every hour;  
the bud may have a bitter taste,  
but sweet will be the flower.**

**6. Blind unbelief is sure to err,  
and scan his work in vain;  
God is his own interpreter,  
and he will make it plain.**

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

**Loving God, as we watch growth in our gardens and in the children around us, we confess we often resist growth and change as we grow older. We might be sure we have already figured out all the important things. We think we already know what you want, which can make us fear new insights and new directions. Forgive us for thinking we already know it all. Forgive us for blocking out the concerns and commitments of those who differ with us. Open our eyes, our ears and our hearts to signs of new life.**

**- 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 205 O love, how deep, how broad, how high**

**1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
how passing thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake.**

**2. For us baptized, for us he bore  
his holy fast and hungered sore;  
for us temptations sharp he knew,  
for us the tempter overthrew.**

**3. For us he prayed; for us he taught;  
for us his daily works he wrought:  
by words and signs and actions, thus  
still seeking not himself, but us.**

**4. For us to wicked hands betrayed,  
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death,  
for us gave up his dying breath.**

**5. For us he rose from death again;  
for us he went on high to reign;  
for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen and to cheer.**

**6. All glory to our Lord and God  
for love so deep, so high, so broad,  
the Trinity whom we adore  
forever and forevermore.**

**Responsive Reading**                      **Psalm 20 p. 471 NT & Psalms**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord answer you in the day of trouble!

The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

**<sup>2</sup> May he send you help from the sanctuary,  
and give you support from Zion.**

<sup>3</sup> May he remember all your offerings,  
and regard with favour your burnt sacrifices.

**<sup>4</sup> May he grant you your heart's desire,**

**and fulfil all your plans.**

<sup>5</sup> May we shout for joy over your victory,  
and in the name of our God set up our banners.  
May the Lord fulfil all your petitions.

**<sup>6</sup> Now I know that the Lord will help his anointed;  
he will answer him from his holy heaven  
with mighty victories by his right hand.**

<sup>7</sup> Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses,  
but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.

**<sup>8</sup> They will collapse and fall,  
but we shall rise and stand upright.**

**<sup>9</sup> Give victory to the king, O Lord;  
answer us when we call.**

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## Scripture Lessons

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 p. 226 pew Bible

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 p. 311 New Testament & Psalms

Mark 4:26-34 p. 68 New Testament & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

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

**Sermon** How about that

**Prayers of the People** (*minister*)

**Hymn 687 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine**

**1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

**Refrain:**

**This is my story; this is my song:  
praising my Saviour all the day long;  
this is my story; this is my song:  
praising my Saviour all the day long.**

**2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**Refrain:**

**This is my story; this is my song;  
praising my Saviour all the day long;  
this is my story; this is my song;  
praising my Saviour all the day long.**

**3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

**Refrain:**

**This is my story; this is my song;  
praising my Saviour all the day long;  
this is my story; this is my song;  
praising my Saviour all the day long.**

**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 small seeds and secret growth, bless the gifts we  
bring to you. Use them as seeds of new life in our  
community and in your world. Grow results we cannot even  
imagine – within us, among us, because of us and beyond us,  
for the sake of Christ, our Living God. 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**