

**St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – June 23, 2024**

Responsive Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever.

We have seen God's wondrous works all around us,

so we come to praise God's holy name.

Open wide your hearts in this time of worship!

We lift our hearts to God with thanks and praise.

Hymn 483 Glorious things of thee are spoken

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,

Zion, city of our God;

One whose word cannot be broken

formed thee for a strong abode.

On the Rock of Ages founded,

what can shake thy sure repose?

With salvation's walls surrounded,

thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

2. See the streams of living waters,

springing from eternal love,

well supply thy sons and daughters,

and all fear of want remove.

Who can faint while such a river

ever will their thirst assuage?

Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,

never fails from age to age.

3. Round each habitation hovering,

see the cloud and fire appear,

for a glory and a covering,

showing that the Lord is near.

Thus they march, the pillar leading

light by night and shade by day

daily on the manna feeding

which God gives them when they pray.

4. Saviour, since of Zion's city

we, through grace, a part may claim,

let the world deride or pity,

we will glory in thy name.
Fading is all worldly pleasure,
all its boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.

Prayer of Praise *(minister)*

Hymn 425 We praise you, O God

1. We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.
2. We worship you; God ever faithful, we bless you;
through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'take us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, life's battles we win.
3. With voices united our praises we offer,
and gladly our songs of true worship we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing;
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

Prayer of Confession *(congregation)*

Mighty and Merciful God, source of hope and wholeness. We confess that we fail you far too often. You call us to serve as Jesus served, but we look to our own interests first.

You call us to love our neighbours, but we can excel in finding fault in others and withholding our love.

You call us to do justice and care for the vulnerable, but we can prefer to be silent rather than take a stand for those at risk. You call us to walk with the oppressed, but we can simply stay away. Forgive us. Open wide our hearts to all our neighbours in need, whether they look like us or not, as we put our trust in your mercy—for us and for them.

- 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 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.**

Responsive Reading **Psalm 9:9-20** **p. 462 NT & Psalms**

⁹ The Lord is a shelter for the oppressed,
a refuge in times of trouble.

¹⁰ **Those who know your name trust in you,
for you, O Lord, do not abandon those who search for you.**

¹¹ Sing praises to the Lord who reigns in Jerusalem.

Tell the world about his unforgettable deeds.

¹² For he who avenges murder cares for the helpless.

He does not ignore the cries of those who suffer.

¹³ Lord, have mercy on me.

See how my enemies torment me.

Snatch me back from the jaws of death.

¹⁴ Save me so I can praise you publicly at Jerusalem's gates,

so I can rejoice that you have rescued me.

¹⁵ The nations have fallen into the pit they dug for others.

Their own feet have been caught in the trap they set.

¹⁶ The Lord is known for his justice.

The wicked are trapped by their own deeds. Quiet

¹⁷ The wicked will go down to the grave.

This is the fate of all the nations who ignore God.

¹⁸ But the needy will not be ignored forever;

the hopes of the poor will not always be crushed.

¹⁹ Arise, O Lord!

Do not let mere mortals defy you!

Judge the nations!

²⁰ Make them tremble in fear, O Lord.

Let the nations know they are merely human.

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Scripture Lessons:

1 Samuel 17:4-11, 32-49 p. 227 pew Bible

2 Corinthians 6:1-13 p. 312 New Testament & Psalms

Mark 4:35-41 p. 68 New Testament & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Saved . . . how?

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

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)

**Generous God, we offer our gifts with thankful hearts,
grateful for your patience with us as your purposes unfold.
Bless these gifts to accomplish your purposes throughout
the world you love in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Communion Hymn 537 Twas on that night

- 1. 'Twas on that night when doomed to know
the eager rage of every foe,
that night in which he was betrayed,
the Savior of the world took bread,**
- 2. and after thanks and glory given
to God who rules in earth and heaven,
that symbol of his flesh he broke,
and thus to all his followers spoke:**
- 3. "My broken body thus I give
for you, for all; take, eat, and live;
and oft the sacred rite renew
that brings my wondrous love to view."**
- 4. Then in his hands the cup he raised,
and God anew he thanked and praised;
the fullness of God's grace he showed
and from his lips salvation flowed.**
- 5. "My blood I thus pour forth," he cries,
"to cleanse the soul in sin that lies;
in this the covenant is sealed,
and heaven's eternal grace revealed."**
- 6. "With suffering love this cup is given;
let all partake the wine of heaven,
and when you gather, let it pour,
in living memory of this hour."**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation (*minister*)

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of our salvation, you have always known and always loved us. You have always known we would need a saviour. What is more you knew we would need a saviour who we could relate to, someone like us. So in your great mercy, you sent your child, Jesus the Christ. We give you thanks for knowing and loving us enough to send your child as a human being, fully human and fully God.

With all of creation, with all peoples of every time and every place we join the eternal chorus,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We remember you called a human being, Mary, to bear your child, you called a human being, Joseph, to help care for him. You called a human being, John, to recognize and baptize him. You called human beings, Peter, James, John, and the rest of the disciples, to follow him and assist in his ministry as a human being.

It was someone as human as each of us who called his disciples, his friends, together for a meal and after it took bread, blessed, broke it, and gave it to them saying, take, eat in remembrance of me. Then he took the cup poured it saying, this is the cup of salvation, shed in my blood, for the forgiveness of sin, take, drink in remembrance of me.

For as long as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the resurrection of our living savior until he comes again.

We proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Pouring of the Cup

The Revelation

Partaking of the Bread

Partaking of the Cup

Prayer after Communion (Unison)

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn 744 Will your anchor hold

**1. Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift or firm remain?**

Refrain:

**We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!**

**2. Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,
when the breakers roar and the reef is near?
While the surges rave and the wild winds blow,
shall the angry waves then your bark o'er flow?**

Refrain:

**We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!**

**3. Will your eyes behold through the morning light
the city of gold and the harbour bright?
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore,
when life's storms are past forever more?**

Refrain:

**We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,**

**fastened to the rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!**

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