

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – July 7, 2024

Responsive Call to Worship

Great is the LORD;

and greatly to be praised.

Praise God in cities and towns,

praise God in all quiet places.

Praise God on mountains and hilltops;

**praise God in every valley, on every plain and in the
deeps.**

Let us raise our praise with all God's creation;

**We will praise God's holy name, here and everywhere,
now and always.**

Hymn 377 Come, children, join to sing

**1. Come, children, join to sing, –hallelujah, amen–
praise to our Servant King, hallelujah, amen!**

**Let all, with heart and voice, saved by God's gracious choice,
now in this place rejoice–hallelujah, amen!**

**2. Come, lift your hearts on high–hallelujah, amen–
let praises fill the sky–hallelujah, amen!**

**Christ calls his people friends; lost, outcast he defends
with love that never ends–hallelujah, amen!**

**3. Loud now our voices raise–hallelujah, amen–
let praises fill the sky–hallelujah, amen!**

**On heaven's blessed shore, God's goodness we'll adore
singing forevermore, –hallelujah, amen!**

Prayer of Praise *(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.**

Prayer of Confession (congregation)

**God of overflowing grace, we confess we can take your
blessing for granted. We can forget our very lives are
precious gifts, and then waste time on things that don't
matter. We complain when things don't go our way,
ignoring those who face even steeper challenges. Forgive us,
O God. Renew our calling to share your abundant love for
Jesus' sake.**

- 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.**

Hymn 671 I heard the voice of Jesus say

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast!"

I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink and live!"

I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that lifegiving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived
and now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright?"

I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun,
and in that light of life I'll walk
till traveling days are done.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 48

p. 497 NT & Psalms

¹ How great is the Lord,
how deserving of praise,
in the city of our God,
which sits on his holy mountain!

² **It is high and magnificent;**
the whole earth rejoices to see it!
Mount Zion, the holy mountain,
is the city of the great King!

³ God himself is in Jerusalem's towers,
revealing himself as its defender.

**⁴ The kings of the earth joined forces
and advanced against the city.**

⁵ But when they saw it, they were stunned;
they were terrified and ran away.

**⁶ They were gripped with terror
and writhed in pain like a woman in labor.**

⁷ You destroyed them like the mighty ships of Tarshish
shattered by a powerful east wind.

**⁸ We had heard of the city's glory,
but now we have seen it ourselves—
the city of the Lord of Heaven's Armies.
It is the city of our God;
he will make it safe forever.**

⁹ O God, we meditate on your unfailing love
as we worship in your Temple.

**¹⁰ As your name deserves, O God,
you will be praised to the ends of the earth.
Your strong right hand is filled with victory.**

¹¹ Let the people on Mount Zion rejoice.
Let all the towns of Judah be glad
because of your justice.

**¹² Go, inspect the city of Jerusalem.
Walk around and count the many towers.**

¹³ Take note of the fortified walls,
and tour all the citadels,
that you may describe them
to future generations.

**¹⁴ For that is what God is like.
He is our God forever and ever,
and he will guide us until we die.**

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Scripture Lessons

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 p. 243 pew Bible

2 Corinthians 12:2-10 p. 320 New Testament & Psalms

Mark 6:1-13 p. 70 New Testament & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon What good is being a prophet or having visions?

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Hymn 659 King of glory, King of peace

- 1. King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee,
and, that love may never cease, I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast; thou hast spared me.**
- 2. Wherefore with my utmost art, I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me,
and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.**
- 3. Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.**

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*)

**Faithful God, we bring our gifts with trusting hearts, seeking
your blessing on the ministries these gifts support. Work
through our gifts to touch the world with your healing grace
through Christ, in whose name we offer ourselves to you.
Amen.**

Hymn 479 The church's one foundation

- 1. The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation
by water and the word;
from heaven he came and sought us
that we might ever be
his living servant people,
by his own death set free.**

**2. Called forth from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
our charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth,
one holy name professing
and at one table fed,
to one hope we are pressing,
by Christ's own Spirit led.**

**3. Though with a scornful wonder
the world sees us oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up, 'How long?'
But soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.**

**4. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
our longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.**

**5. We now on earth have union
with God the Three-in-One,
and share, through faith, communion
with those whose rest is won,
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with 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