

**St. Mark's Presbyterian Church**  
**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – July 14, 2024**

**Responsive Call to Worship**

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

**The world and those who live in it belong to God.**

Who is the King of glory?

**The Lord, who is strong and mighty!**

So lift up your heads and your hearts!

**We will lift them up in praise!**

Let us worship God in beauty and holiness.

**We will offer God our steadfast love and faithfulness, now  
and always.**

**Hymn 265 Hail the day that sees Christ rise**

**1. Hail the day that sees Christ rise, Hallelujah!  
to the throne in paradise; Hallelujah!  
Christ the Lamb for sinners given, Hallelujah!  
enters now the highest heaven. Hallelujah!**

**2. Christ, for you high triumph waits, Hallelujah!  
lift your heads, eternal gates; Hallelujah!  
you have conquered death and sin: Hallelujah!  
enter, Sovereign, enter in. Hallelujah!**

**3. See the nail marked hands above, Hallelujah!  
signs of God's redeeming love; Hallelujah!  
hark, Christ's words our hearts assure, Hallelujah!  
"I will send a Comforter!" Hallelujah!**

**4. Christ, for us still intercede; Hallelujah!  
by your suffering for us plead; Hallelujah!  
near yourself prepare a place, Hallelujah!  
as the first fruits of God's grace. Hallelujah!**

**5. Now, though parted from our sight, Hallelujah!  
in the depths of starry night, Hallelujah!  
may God raise us up again, Hallelujah!  
heirs of your eternal reign. Hallelujah!**

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

### **Hymn 647 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us**

- 1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee,  
yet possessing every blessing  
if our God our guide shall be.**
- 2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary  
through the desert thou didst go.**
- 3. Spirit of our God descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy;  
thus provided, pardoned, guided  
nothing can our peace destroy.**

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

**Loving God, in a world marked by self-indulgence, you are generosity for those in need. In a world marked by injustice, you are a conscience speaking to us. In a world marked by vengeance, you are mercy and reconciliation. Forgive our selfishness; our lack of concern for the vulnerable; and our desire to settle scores rather than work things out. Renew us with your mercy and strengthen our resolve to live generously, in action and in attitude.**

**- 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 611 For all the saints**

**1. For all the saints who from their labours rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, o Jesus, be forever blest.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might,  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight,  
thou in the darkness drear their one true light.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**3. Oh may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**4. O blest communion! fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**6. The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**7. But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on his way.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

<sup>1</sup> The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.  
The world and all its people belong to him.

<sup>2</sup> **For he laid the earth's foundation on the seas  
and built it on the ocean depths.**

<sup>3</sup> Who may climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who may stand in his holy place?

<sup>4</sup> **Only those whose hands and hearts are pure,  
who do not worship idols  
and never tell lies.**

<sup>5</sup> They will receive the Lord's blessing  
and have a right relationship with God their savior.

<sup>6</sup> **Such people may seek you  
and worship in your presence, O God of Jacob.**

<sup>7</sup> Open up, ancient gates!  
Open up, ancient doors,  
and let the King of glory enter.

<sup>8</sup> **Who is the King of glory?  
The Lord, strong and mighty;  
the Lord, invincible in battle.**

<sup>9</sup> Open up, ancient gates!  
Open up, ancient doors,  
and let the King of glory enter.

<sup>10</sup> **Who is the King of glory?  
The Lord of Heaven's Armies—  
he is the King of glory.**

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## Scripture Lessons

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19      p. 244 pew Bible

Ephesians 1:3-14              p. 332 New Testament & Psalms

Mark 6:14-29                  p. 71 New Testament & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

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

**Sermon    Blessed in Christ**

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

**Hymn 689 Simply trusting every day**

**1. Simply trusting every day,**

trusting through a stormy way,  
even when my faith is small,  
trusting Jesus, that is all.

Refrain:

Trusting as the moments fly,  
trusting as the days go by,  
trusting him whate'er befall,  
trusting Jesus, that is all.

2. Brightly doth his Spirit shine  
into this poor heart of mine;  
while he leads I cannot fall,  
trusting Jesus, that is all.

Refrain:

Trusting as the moments fly,  
trusting as the days go by,  
trusting him whate'er befall,  
trusting Jesus, that is all.

3. Singing, if my way be clear,  
praying, if the path be drear,  
if in danger for him call,  
trusting Jesus, that is all.

Refrain:

Trusting as the moments fly,  
trusting as the days go by,  
trusting him whate'er befall,  
trusting Jesus, that is all.

4. Trusting him while life shall last,  
trusting him till earth be past,  
till within the jasper wall,  
trusting Jesus, that is all.

Refrain:

Trusting as the moments fly,  
trusting as the days go by,  
trusting him whate'er befall,  
trusting Jesus, that is all.

## 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, growth in gardens and fields this summer speaks of the generosity you have planted within your creation. Bless the gifts we bring, that they too may grow in fruitfulness, and touch lives in need with your generous love, in the name of Christ, our help and our hope. Amen.**

### Hymn 707 More love to thee

- 1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee:  
hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee;  
this is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee,  
more love to thee, more love to thee**
- 2. Through all that life may bring—joy, grief, or pain,  
work out they perfect plan—true heavenly gain;  
only create in me more love, O Christ, to thee,  
more love to thee, more love 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