

**St. Mark's Presbyterian Church**  
**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – July 21, 2024**

**Responsive Call to Worship**

In moments of anxiety, God leads us to still waters.

**O God, we come to you.**

In moments of confusion, God leads us in right paths.

**O God, we come to hear your voice.**

In moments of loneliness, God is with us.

**O God, we come, seeking your love.**

In all our moments, God is with us.

**So, we come to praise the One who restores our lives.**

**Hymn 11 The Lord's my Shepherd**

**1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.**

**He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.**

**2. My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness  
even for his own name's sake.**

**3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear none ill,  
for thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.**

**4. My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint  
and my cup overflows.**

**5. Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling place shall be.**

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

**Hymn 740 Make me a channel of your peace**

**1. Make me a channel of your peace:**

**Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
Where there is injury, your healing pow'r,  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

**Refrain:**

**O Spirit, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.**

**2. Make me a channel of your peace:  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.**

**Refrain:**

**O Spirit, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.**

**3. Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving to all that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

**Prayer of Confession (congregation)**

**Dear God, you created us and have made each of us unique.  
You have given us gifts to use as we make our way in this  
world, a world that is telling us to be busy, hurry, and be  
successful.**

**We rush from one task to another.**

**We become tired and stressed and, still, we don't stop.**

**We confess that sometimes we do not listen to ourselves.**

**We ignore our bodies telling us that it is time for us to rest,  
and insist that we are okay and can keep going.**

**You know us lord, and you know the lies we tell ourselves.**

**Forgive us for not taking care of ourselves,**

**Help us to rest as you rested.**

**Restore us, Lord, in body, mind, and spirit.**

**- 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 624 Blest are They**

**1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit**

**Theirs is the kingdom of God**

**Blest are they, full of sorrow**

**They shall be consoled**

**Refrain:**

**Rejoice and be glad**

**Blessed are you; holy are you**

**Rejoice and be glad**

**Yours is the Kingdom of God**

**2. Blest are they, the lowly ones**

**They shall inherit the earth**

**Blest are they, who hunger and thirst**

**They shall have their fill**

**Refrain:**

**Rejoice and be glad**

**Blessed are you; holy are you**

**Rejoice and be glad**

**Yours is the Kingdom of God**

**3. Blest are they who show mercy**

**Mercy shall be theirs**

**Blest are they, the pure of heart**

**They shall see God!**

**Refrain:**

**Rejoice and be glad**

**Blessed are you; holy are you**

**Rejoice and be glad**

**Yours is the Kingdom of God**

<sup>20</sup> I have found my servant David.

I have anointed him with my holy oil.

**<sup>21</sup> I will steady him with my hand;  
with my powerful arm I will make him strong.**

<sup>22</sup> His enemies will not defeat him,  
nor will the wicked overpower him.

**<sup>23</sup> I will beat down his adversaries before him  
and destroy those who hate him.**

<sup>24</sup> My faithfulness and unfailing love will be with him,  
and by my authority he will grow in power.

**<sup>25</sup> I will extend his rule over the sea,  
his dominion over the rivers.**

<sup>26</sup> And he will call out to me, 'You are my Father,  
my God, and the Rock of my salvation.'

**<sup>27</sup> I will make him my firstborn son,  
the mightiest king on earth.**

<sup>28</sup> I will love him and be kind to him forever;  
my covenant with him will never end.

**<sup>29</sup> I will preserve an heir for him;  
his throne will be as endless as the days of heaven.**

<sup>30</sup> But if his descendants forsake my instructions  
and fail to obey my regulations,

**<sup>31</sup> if they do not obey my decrees  
and fail to keep my commands,**

<sup>32</sup> then I will punish their sin with the rod,  
and their disobedience with beating.

**<sup>33</sup> But I will never stop loving him  
nor fail to keep my promise to him.**

<sup>34</sup> No, I will not break my covenant;  
I will not take back a single word I said.

**<sup>35</sup> I have sworn an oath to David,  
and in my holiness I cannot lie:**

<sup>36</sup> His dynasty will go on forever;  
his kingdom will endure as the sun.

**<sup>37</sup> It will be as eternal as the moon,  
my faithful witness in the sky!"**

## Scripture Lessons

2 Samuel 7:1-14a p. 245 pew Bible

Ephesians 2:11-22 p. 334 New Testament & Psalms

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 p. 72 New Testament & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

**Prayers of the People** (minister)

## Hymn 461 Be thou my vision

**1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art; Thou my best Thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.**

**3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine Inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.**

## Musical Interlude

**4. High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all. Still be my Vision, O Ruler of 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)

**Faithful God, we bring our gifts with trusting hearts, seeking you're 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 410 Joyful, joyful we adore thee**

**1. Joyful, joyful, we adore you,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before you,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day!**

**2. All your works with joy surround you;  
earth and heaven reflect your rays,  
stars and angels sing around you,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain  
join to praise you joyfully.**

**3. You are giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blessed,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!  
God Creator, Christ our Saviour,  
all are yours who live in love.  
Teach us how to love our neighbour,  
Lift us to your joy above.**

### **Musical Interlude**

**4. Morning stars, awake the chorus,  
mortals join in every part,  
for what joy is set before us  
as Christ's love joins heart to heart!  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward**

**in the triumph song of life.**

### **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**