

**St. Mark's Presbyterian Church**  
**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – July 28, 2024**

**Responsive Call to Worship**

All God's works give thanks to the Lord.

**We will lift up our voices in praise.**

The Lord is near to all who call upon God in truth.

**We will sing of God's power and speak of God's loving kindness.**

Let us worship God who is faithful in all things.

**Let us praise God's holy name forever.**

**Hymn 438 When morning gilds the skies**

**1. When morning gilds the sky,  
my heart awakening cries:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer  
to Jesus I repair;  
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**2. To God, the Word on high,  
the hosts of angels cry:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let mortals too upraise  
their voices in hymns of praise;  
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**3. Let earth's wide circle round  
in joyful notes resound:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let earth and sea and sky  
from depth to height reply:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**4. Be this, while life is mine,  
my canticle divine:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this the eternal song  
through all the ages on:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Hymn 371 Love divine, all loves excelling**

**1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.**

**2. Breathe, oh breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit,  
let us find the promised rest;  
take away our love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.**

**3. Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.**

**4. Finish then thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly re stored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.**

**Prayer of Confession (congregation)**

**Merciful God, there is something in us that wants to reject  
how much we need you. Every person seems to think that all**

they really need is themselves; we think our own resources are sufficient for every need. Forgive us when we forget that there are some things that without you are simply impossible.

- 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 297 O love that casts out fear**

**1. O love that casts out fear,  
O love that casts out sin,  
tarry no more without,  
but come and dwell within.**

**2. True sunlight of the soul,  
surround us as we go;  
so shall our way be safe,  
our feet no straying know.**

**3. Great love of God, come in!  
Wellspring of heavenly peace,  
thou living water, come:  
spring up and never cease.**

**4. Love of the living God,  
of Father and of Son,  
love of the Holy Ghost,  
fill thou each needy one.**

### **Responsive Reading**

### **Psalm 14**

**p. 465 NT & Psalms**

<sup>1</sup> Only fools say in their hearts,  
"There is no God."

They are corrupt, and their actions are evil;

not one of them does good!

**<sup>2</sup> The Lord looks down from heaven  
on the entire human race;  
he looks to see if anyone is truly wise,  
if anyone seeks God.**

<sup>3</sup> But no, all have turned away;  
all have become corrupt.

No one does good,  
not a single one!

**<sup>4</sup> Will those who do evil never learn?  
They eat up my people like bread  
and wouldn't think of praying to the Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> Terror will grip them,  
for God is with those who obey him.

**<sup>6</sup> The wicked frustrate the plans of the oppressed,  
but the Lord will protect his people.**

**<sup>7</sup> Who will come from Mount Zion to rescue Israel?  
When the Lord restores his people,  
Jacob will shout with joy, and Israel will rejoice.**

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## Scripture Lessons

2 Samuel 11:1-15 p. 247 pew Bible

Ephesians 3:14-21 p. 335 New Testament & Psalms

John 6:1-21 p. 168 New Testament & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

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

**Sermon Being strong or being strengthened**

**Prayers of the People (minister)**

**Hymn 313 Oh worship the King**

**1. Oh worship the King, all glorious above;  
oh gratefully sing God's power and God's love,  
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.**

**2. Oh tell of God's might, oh sing of God's grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.**

**3. The earth, with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,  
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**4. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, De fender, Redeemer and Friend.**

**5. O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,  
while angels delight to hymn thee above,  
thy ransomed creation, in glory ablaze,  
in true adoration shall sing to thy praise.**

### **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)**

**Gracious Father, thank you for blessing us beyond our ability  
to even ask. We return some material blessings knowing that  
you will multiply our gifts to your glory. Amen.**

### **Hymn 490 God of grace and God of glory**

**1. God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown the ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.**

**2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us,  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us,  
free our hearts to love and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,**

**for the living of these days.**

**3. Cure thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

**4. Set our feet on lofty places;  
gird our lives that they may be  
armoured with all Christlike graces,  
pledged to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
that we fail not them nor thee,  
that we fail not them nor thee!**

**5. Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.**

### **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**