

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – August 4, 2024

Responsive Call to Worship

Bless the Lord with heart and soul, for God is great.

We will bless God in this time of worship!

God sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the ground.

God, renew us in this time of worship!

Let us sing praise to God as long as we live.

We will sing to our God while we have breath, and so we come to worship.

Hymn 39 God of mercy, God of grace

**1. God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of your face.
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine;
fill your world with light divine,
and your saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.**

**2. Let the people praise you, Lord;
be by all that live adored.
Let the nations shout and sing
glory to their gracious King;
at your feet their tribute pay,
and your holy will obey.**

**3. Let the people praise you, Lord;
earth shall then its fruits afford.
Unto us your blessing give;
we to you devoted live,
all below and all above,
one in joy and light and love.**

Prayer of Praise *(minister)*

Hymn 389 Breathe on me, breath of God

**1. Breathe on me, breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**2. Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will
to do and to endure.**

**3. Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**

**4. Breathe on me, breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.**

Prayer of Confession (congregation)

**God of mystery and mercy, you know the details of our lives.
You see the sin and the sorrow we bear. You see how we take
advantage of each other, and how we overlook one another.
We confess we do not always see what you see, O God, so
open our eyes to the truth of our lives and cleanse our hearts
with your grace. Amen**

- 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 507 Break now the bread of life

**1. Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea:
beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord:
my spirit longs for you, O living Word.**

2. You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me;

**your holy word is truth redeeming me.
Give me to eat and live with you above;
teach me to love your truth, for you are love.**

**3. Oh send your Spirit now, dear Lord, to me;
touch now my blinded eyes and make me see:
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 51:1-12

p. 500 NT & Psalms

¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
because of your unfailing love.
Because of your great compassion,
blot out the stain of my sins.

**² Wash me clean from my guilt.
Purify me from my sin.**

³ For I recognize my rebellion;
it haunts me day and night.

**⁴ Against you, and you alone, have I sinned;
I have done what is evil in your sight.
You will be proved right in what you say,
and your judgment against me is just.**

⁵ For I was born a sinner—
yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.

**⁶ But you desire honesty from the womb,
teaching me wisdom even there.**

⁷ Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

**⁸ Oh, give me back my joy again;
you have broken me—
now let me rejoice.**

⁹ Don't keep looking at my sins.
Remove the stain of my guilt.

**¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Renew a loyal spirit within me.**

¹¹ Do not banish me from your presence,
and don't take your Holy Spirit from me.

**¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and make me willing to obey you.**

Scripture Lessons

2 Samuel 11:26–12:13a p. 248 pew Bible

Ephesians 4:1–16 p. 335 New Testament & Psalms

John 6:24–35 p. 169 New Testament & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Story time or gifts?

Prayers of the People (minister)

Hymn 699 All the way my Saviour leads me

**1. All the way my Saviour leads me;
what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy
who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
here by faith in him to dwell;
for I know, whate'er befall me
Jesus doeth all things well.**

**2. All the way my Saviour leads me,
cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for every trial,
feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
and my soul athirst may be,
gushing from the rock before me,
lo, a spring of joy I see.**

**3. All the way my Saviour leads me,
oh the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal,
wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages,
'Jesus led me all the way!'**

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)

Good and generous God, bless the gifts we offer you this day, as well as our efforts to serve others in Jesus' name. Use what we have and what we do to support the work of the Church here and around the world. Amen.

Hymn 651 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

**1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**

**2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give 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