

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost – October 20, 2024
Responsive Call to Worship

Bless the Lord, O my soul, for the Lord our God is very great.

God is clothed with honour and majesty, wrapped in light like a garment.

God stretches out the heavens like a tent, and rides on the wings of the wind.

**O Lord, in wisdom you have made each unique creature.
With all of them, we come to praise you. Let us praise the Lord together!**

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.**

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)

**Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to walk your way in the world,
to serve our neighbours and love our enemies. We confess
these are not easy choices for us. We sometimes turn a blind
eye to a neighbour in need. We like to follow the crowd
rather than challenge popular opinions. Forgive us, Jesus, for
seeking an easier way than your way.**

- 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 687 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

**1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

Refrain:

**This is my story; this is my song:
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song:
praising my Saviour all the day long.**

**2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

Refrain:

**This is my story; this is my song:
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song:
praising my Saviour all the day long.**

**3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

Refrain:

**This is my story; this is my song:
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song:
praising my Saviour all the day long.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c p. 550 NT & Psalms

¹ Let all that I am praise the Lord.

O Lord my God, how great you are!

You are robed with honor and majesty.

² **You are dressed in a robe of light.**

You stretch out the starry curtain of the heavens;

³ you lay out the rafters of your home in the rain clouds.

You make the clouds your chariot;
you ride upon the wings of the wind.

**⁴The winds are your messengers;
flames of fire are your servants.**

⁵You placed the world on its foundation
so it would never be moved.

**⁶You clothed the earth with floods of water,
water that covered even the mountains.**

⁷At your command, the water fled;
at the sound of your thunder, it hurried away.

**⁸Mountains rose and valleys sank
to the levels you decreed.**

⁹Then you set a firm boundary for the seas,
so they would never again cover the earth.

**²⁴O Lord, what a variety of things you have made!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your creatures.**

^{35c}Praise the Lord!

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Scripture Lessons

Job 38:1-7 p. 427 pew Bible

Hebrews 5:1-10 p. 381 New Testament with Psalms

Mark 10:35-45 p. 82 New Testament with Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon He came to do what?

Prayers of the People (minister)

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.**

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 God, we offer you these gifts, small tokens of our love for you. Bless them with the power of your Holy Spirit so they may accomplish more than we can even imagine, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our Friend. Amen.

Hymn 374 Oh for a thousand tongues to sing

- 1. Oh for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace.**
- 2. Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
and bids our sorrows cease:
'tis music in the sinner's ears;
'tis life and health and peace.**
- 3. He speaks, and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.**
- 4. Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,
your tongues again employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour comes,
and leap, you lame, for joy.**
- 5. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.**

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