

**St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Pentecost Sunday – June 8, 2025**

Responsive Call to Worship

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Praise and glory to you, Spirit of God, our comfort and strength.

Let us sing praises to God as long as we live;

Praise and glory to you, Spirit of God, our comfort and strength.

May our worship be pleasing to God, ever Three and ever One.

Let us praise the LORD!

Hymn 333 I sing the almighty power of God

**1. I sing the almighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at Gods command,
and all the stars obey.**

**2. I sing the goodness of the Lord,
that filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eyes,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the skies!**

**3. There's not a plant or flower below
but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow
by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
and everywhere I could be,
thou, God, art present there.**

Prayer of Praise (*minister*)

Hymn 284 Revive your work, O Lord

**1. Revive your work, O Lord:
your mighty arm make bare;
speak with the voice which wakes the dead,
and make your people hear.**

**2. Revive your work, O Lord:
disturb this sleep of death;
ignite the smouldering embers now
by your almighty breath.**

**3. Revive your work, O Lord:
create soul thirst for you,
and hunger for the bread of life,
our spirits to renew.**

**4. Revive your work, O Lord:
exalt your precious name,
and by the Holy Spirit come
and set our love aflame.**

**5. Revive your work, O Lord:
give power unto your word;
grant that your living gospel may
in living faith be heard.**

**6. Revive your work, O Lord:
give pentecostal showers;
the glory shall be all your own;
the blessing, Lord, be ours.**

Prayer of Confession (*congregation*)

Almighty God, you poured out your Spirit to guide your disciples, to bless your people with a variety of gifts, and to empower your church to continue your Son's ministry. We confess that we often resist the Spirit's guidance. We are uncomfortable with the challenges the Spirit offers us. We have ignored or belittled the gifts of others and failed to live in ways that reveal Christ's love for the world. Send your Holy Spirit to us

again to open our minds and hearts to the challenges in ministry you set before us in Jesus' name.

- 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 404 O Spirit come, our hearts inspire

**1. O Spirit, come; our hearts inspire;
let us thine influence prove,
source of the old prophetic fire
and fount of life and love.**

**2. Come, Holy Spirit, for in thee
thy prophets wrote and spoke.
Unlock the truth, thyself the key;
unseal the sacred book.**

**3. Expand thy wings, celestial Dove;
brood o'er our nature's night;
on our disordered spirits move,
and let there now be light.**

**4. God's very self we then shall know,
if thou within us shine,
and sound with all thy saints below
the depths of love divine.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 104:24-34, 35b p. 551 NT & Psalms

²⁴O Lord, what a variety of things you have made!

In wisdom you have made them all.

The earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵**Here is the ocean, vast and wide,**

**teeming with life of every kind,
both large and small.**

²⁶See the ships sailing along,
and Leviathan, which you made to play in the sea.

**²⁷They all depend on you
to give them food as they need it.**

²⁸When you supply it, they gather it.
You open your hand to feed them,
and they are richly satisfied.

**²⁹But if you turn away from them, they panic.
When you take away their breath,
they die and turn again to dust.**

³⁰When you give them your breath, life is created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

**³¹May the glory of the Lord continue forever!
The Lord takes pleasure in all he has made!**

³²The earth trembles at his glance;
the mountains smoke at his touch.

**³³I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.
I will praise my God to my last breath!**

³⁴May all my thoughts be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.

**^{35b}Let all that I am praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord!**

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Scripture Lessons

Genesis 11:1-9 p. 8 pew Bible

Acts 2:1-21 p. 202 NT & Psalms

John 14:8-17 p. 187 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Hymn 382 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart

**1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from sin, through all its pulses move.
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.**

2. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,

no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel messenger, no opening skies,
but take the dimness of my soul away.

3. Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King?
All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind?
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling;
oh let me seek thee and oh let me find!

4. Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
to face the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

5. Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame:
the baptism of the heaven descended Dove;
my heart an altar and thy love the flame.

Sermon Is it only about languages?

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Prayer of Dedication (*congregation*)

Spirit of grace and power, bless the gifts we bring
today so that they may accomplish surprising things in
Jesus' name. Equip us well to offer ourselves in many
other ways to proclaim the Good News with grace and
power. Amen.

Hymn 401 O Spirit of the living God

1. O Spirit of the living God,
in all the fullness of thy grace,
wherever human foot hath trod,
descend on our rebellious race.

2. Give tongues of fire and hearts of love,
to preach the reconciling word;
give power and unction from above,
whene'er the joyful sound is heard.

3. Be darkness, at thy coming, light,
confusion order, in thy path;
souls without strength inspire with might;
bid mercy triumph over wrath.

**4. O Spirit of the Lord, prepare
all the round earth its God to meet;
breathe thou abroad like morning air,
till hearts of stone begin to beat.**

**5. Baptize the nations: far and nigh
the triumphs of the cross record;
the name of Jesus glorify,
till every kindred call him Lord.**

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