

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday after Pentecost – June 22, 2025

Responsive Call to Worship

We are called together

To worship God as the people of God.

God calls us by name and knows what rests in our minds and our hearts, and calls us:

To worship God as the people of God.

We come yearning to be transformed and redirected to paths of justice and in ways of love so that in truth we can turn to God:

To worship God as the people of God.

God invites us to worship as beloved and loving people and together:

To worship God as the people of God.

Hymn 480 In Christ there is no east or west

- 1. In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.**
- 2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.**
- 3. Join hands, companions in the faith,
whate'er your race may be!
Who loves and serves the one in him,
throughout the whole wide earth.**
- 4. In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet south and north,
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.**

Prayer of Praise (*minister*)

Hymn 451 Dear Father, Lord of humankind

- 1. Dear Father, Lord of humankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind;**

in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

3. O sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Je sus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love.

4. With that deep hush subduing all
our words and works that drown
the ten der whisper of thy call,
as noiseless let thy blessing fall
as fell thy manna down.

5. Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of Thy peace.

6. Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and Thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.

Prayer of Confession (*congregation*)

Forgiving God. We confess that we have failed to comfort those in pain, ignored the needs of others, and not sought peace or worked for justice. And we confess the sins of your church in running residential schools that separated children from their families. We confess that in our cultural arrogance where there was laughter, we stifled it; where families lived warmly together, we broke them up, and where there was dignity, and we stole it. We repent of our past sins and pray for the

strength to walk a new good way with you and one another.

- 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 677 My faith looks up to thee

**1. My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine:
now hear me when I pray;
take all my guilt away;
oh let me from this day
be wholly thine.**

**2. May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart;
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
oh may my love to thee
pure, warm and changeless be,
a living fire.**

**3. While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness tum to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.**

**4. When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold sullen stream
shall o'er me roll,
blest Saviour, then, in love,
fear and distrust remove;
oh bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul.**

Responsive Reading Psalms 42 & 43 p. 492 NT & Psalms

¹As the deer longs for streams of water,
so I long for you, O God.

²I thirst for God, the living God.

When can I go and stand before him?

³Day and night I have only tears for food,
while my enemies continually taunt me, saying,
"Where is this God of yours?"

⁴My heart is breaking

as I remember how it used to be:

I walked among the crowds of worshipers,

leading a great procession to the house of God,

singing for joy and giving thanks

amid the sound of a great celebration!

⁵Why am I discouraged?

Why is my heart so sad?

I will put my hope in God!

I will praise him again—

my Savior and ⁶ my God!

Now I am deeply discouraged,

but I will remember you—

even from distant Mount Hermon, the source of the Jordan,

from the land of Mount Mizar.

⁷I hear the tumult of the raging seas

as your waves and surging tides sweep over me.

⁸But each day the Lord pours his unfailing love upon me,

and through each night I sing his songs,

praying to God who gives me life.

⁹"O God my rock," I cry,

"Why have you forgotten me?

Why must I wander around in grief,

oppressed by my enemies?"

¹⁰Their taunts break my bones.

They scoff, "Where is this God of yours?"

¹¹Why am I discouraged?

Why is my heart so sad?

I will put my hope in God!

I will praise him again—
my Savior and my God!

¹Declare me innocent, O God!

Defend me against these ungodly people.

Rescue me from these unjust liars.

²For you are God, my only safe haven.

Why have you tossed me aside?

Why must I wander around in grief,
oppressed by my enemies?

**³Send out your light and your truth;
let them guide me.**

**Let them lead me to your holy mountain,
to the place where you live.**

**⁴There I will go to the altar of God,
to God—the source of all my joy.**

I will praise you with my harp,
O God, my God!

⁵Why am I discouraged?

Why is my heart so sad?

I will put my hope in God!

**I will praise him again—
my Savior and my God!**

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Scripture Lessons

1 Kings 19:1-15a p. 285 pew Bible

Galatians 3:23-29 p. 327 NT & Psalms

Luke 8:26-39 p. 118 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Hymn 363 All hail the power of Jesus' name

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name;

let angels prostrate fall;

bring forth the royal diadem to

**crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.**

**2. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and
crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.**

**3. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and
crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.**

**4. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and
crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.**

**5. Let every tribe and every tongue,
responsive to the call,
lift high the universal song, and
crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.**

Sermon Things don't have to be loud

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Prayer of Dedication (*congregation*)

**All that we have comes from you, O God. Use our lives
and the gifts we offer to build a more peaceful and just
world that reflects the principles of your reign, and the
Good News of peace, healing and reconciliation Christ
taught.**

Hymn 746 What a friend we have in Jesus

**1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear;
what a privilege to carry
every thing to God in prayer.
Oh what peace we often forfeit,**

**oh what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.**

2. Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

**We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?**

**Jesus knows our every weakness:
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?**

**Precious Saviour, still our refuge:
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?

**Take it to the Lord in prayer;
in his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.**

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