

**St. Mark's Presbyterian Church**  
**Third Sunday after Pentecost – June 29, 2025**

**Responsive Call to Worship**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord;

**Let us sing praises to God's holy name!**

We will declare God's steadfast love in the morning,

**And God's faithfulness night after night.**

Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord!

**For God is good and we know God's blessings.**

Let us worship God with grateful hearts;

**We will give God thanks in our prayers and praise.**

**Hymn 800 O Canada (unaccompanied)**

**1. O Canada our home and native land,  
true patriot love in all our hearts command.**

**With glowing hearts, thy children stand,  
the true north strong and free;**

**from far and wide, O Canada,  
we stand on guard for thee.**

**God keep our land glorious and free;**

**O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.**

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**2. Almighty Love, by thy mysterious power,  
in wisdom guide, with faith and freedom dower,**

**be ours a nation evermore**

**that no oppression blights,**

**where justice rules from shore to shore,  
from lakes to northern lights.**

**May love alone for wrong atone;**

**Lord of the lands, make Canada thine own.**

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**Prayer of Praise (minister)**

**Hymn 642 O Master, let me walk with thee**

**1. O Master, let me walk with thee**

**in lowly paths of service free;**

**tell me thy secret; help me bear**

**the strain of toil, the fret of care.**

2. Help me the slow of heart to move  
by some clear winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the homeward way.

3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee  
in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong,

4. in hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broadening way,  
in peace that only thou canst give,  
with thee, O Master, let me live.

### **Prayer of Confession** (*congregation*)

Faithful, God, you call us to follow you, whatever the circumstance, yet we confess we prefer to remain where we are. You offer us new beginnings, yet we continue to make the same choices, guided by our own desires. We make excuses for avoiding your challenge to change. Forgive us, O God.

- 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 569 O Jesus, I have promised**

1. O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me,  
my Saviour and my friend:

**I shall not fear the struggle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.**

**2. Oh let me feel thee near me:  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me,  
around me and within,  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.**

**3. Oh let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
oh speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
oh speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.**

**4. O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be,  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
oh give me grace to follow  
my Saviour and my friend.**

### **Responsive Reading Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 p. 524 NT & Psalms**

<sup>1</sup>I cry out to God; yes, I shout.

Oh, that God would listen to me!

**2 When I was in deep trouble,  
I searched for the Lord.**

**All night long I prayed, with hands lifted toward heaven,  
but my soul was not comforted.**

<sup>11</sup>But then I recall all you have done, O Lord;

I remember your wonderful deeds of long ago.

<sup>12</sup>**They are constantly in my thoughts.**

**I cannot stop thinking about your mighty works.**

<sup>13</sup>O God, your ways are holy.

Is there any god as mighty as you?

**<sup>14</sup>You are the God of great wonders!**

**You demonstrate your awesome power among the nations.**

<sup>15</sup>By your strong arm, you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph. Interlude

**<sup>16</sup>When the Red Sea saw you, O God,  
its waters looked and trembled!**

**The sea quaked to its very depths.**

<sup>17</sup>The clouds poured down rain;  
the thunder rumbled in the sky.  
Your arrows of lightning flashed.

**<sup>18</sup>Your thunder roared from the whirlwind;  
the lightning lit up the world!**

**The earth trembled and shook.**

<sup>19</sup>Your road led through the sea,  
your pathway through the mighty waters—  
a pathway no one knew was there!

**<sup>20</sup>You led your people along that road like a flock of sheep,  
with Moses and Aaron as their shepherds.**

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## Scripture Lessons

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 p. 291 pew Bible

Galatians 5:1, 13-25 p. 329 NT & Psalms

Luke 9:51-62 p. 123 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

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

## 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.**

**Sermon Fruit for everyone!**

**Prayers of the People (*minister*)**

**Prayer of Dedication (*congregation*)**

**O God, we know you to be kind and generous, so we  
bring our gifts in gratitude and joy. Pour out your Spirit  
on these gifts and on our lives, so that we may bear the  
fruit of your Spirit in every situation and relationship,  
through Christ, our Living Lord. 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**