

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – July 6, 2025

Responsive Call to Worship

Come and see what God has done.

God is awesome in deeds among humanity.

Bless our God; let the sound of praise be heard.

We sing praises to God and give thanks in God's name.

God turns our mourning into dancing.

O Lord, our God, we will give thanks to you forever. Let us worship God.

Hymn 377 Come, children, join to sing

**1. Come, children, join to sing, –hallelujah, amen–
praise to our Servant King, hallelujah, amen!**

**Let all, with heart and voice, saved by God's gracious choice,
now in this place rejoice–hallelujah, amen!**

**2. Come, lift your hearts on high–hallelujah, amen–
let praises fill the sky–hallelujah, amen!**

**Christ calls his people friends; lost, outcast he defends
with love that never ends–hallelujah, amen!**

**3. Loud now our voices raise–hallelujah, amen–
let praises fill the sky–hallelujah, amen!**

**On heaven's blessed shore, God's goodness we'll adore
singing forevermore, –hallelujah, amen!**

Prayer of Praise (*minister*)

Hymn 659 King of glory, King of peace

**1. King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee,
and, that love may never cease, I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast; thou hast spared me.**

**2. Wherefore with my utmost art, I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me,
and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.**

**3. Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.**

**Small it is, in this poor sort to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.**

Prayer of Confession (*congregation*)

Loving God, you have called us to represent you as peaceful and loving people. When we create discord and division, when we serve our own interests first, forgive us. When we value our possessions and comfort over the needs of others, forgive us. Help us to be faithful disciples of Jesus.

- 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 238 Beneath the cross of Jesus

**1. Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land,
a home with in the wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat
and the burden of the day.**

**2. Upon the cross of Jesus
mine eyes at times can see
the very dying form of one
who suffered there for me,
and from my stricken heart with tears
two wonders I confess:**

**the wonders of redeeming love
and my own unworthiness.**

**3. I take, O cross, thy shadow
for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by,
to know no gain nor loss;
my sinful self my only shame,
my glory all, the cross.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 30 p. 479 NT & Psalms

¹I will exalt you, Lord, for you rescued me.

You refused to let my enemies triumph over me.

**²O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you restored my health.**

³You brought me up from the grave, O Lord.

You kept me from falling into the pit of death.

**⁴Sing to the Lord, all you godly ones!
Praise his holy name.**

⁵For his anger lasts only a moment,

but his favor lasts a lifetime!

Weeping may last through the night,

but joy comes with the morning.

**⁶When I was prosperous, I said,
"Nothing can stop me now!"**

⁷Your favor, O Lord, made me as secure as a mountain.

Then you turned away from me, and I was shattered.

**⁸I cried out to you, O Lord.
I begged the Lord for mercy, saying,**

⁹"What will you gain if I die,

if I sink into the grave?

Can my dust praise you?

Can it tell of your faithfulness?

**¹⁰Hear me, Lord, and have mercy on me.
Help me, O Lord."**

¹¹You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing.

You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with
joy,

**¹²that I might sing praises to you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever!**

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Scripture Lessons

2 Kings 5:1-14 p. 294 pew Bible

Galatians 6:7-16 p. 330 NT & Psalms

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 p. 123 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Hymn 570 I have decided to follow Jesus

1. I have decided to follow Jesus;

I have decided to follow Jesus;

I have decided to follow Jesus,

No turning back, no turning back.

2. The world behind me, the cross before me;

the world behind me, the cross before me;

the world behind me, the cross behind me,

No turning back, no turning back.

3. Though none go with me, I still will follow;

though none go with me, I still will follow;

though none go with me, I still will follow;

No turning back, no turning back.

4. Will you decide now to follow Jesus?

Will you decide now to follow Jesus?

Will you decide now to follow Jesus?

No turning back, no turning back.

Sermon Sometimes we might be weary

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Prayer of Dedication (*congregation*)

**Generous God, you have blessed our lives with gifts,
both visible and invisible. We give our gifts for your
glory to build up your kingdom in the world. Bless us
and our offerings and use them in ways that will make a
difference in the lives of others, for the sake of Christ,
our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn 208 In the cross of Christ I Glory

- 1. In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.**
- 2. When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me:
lo! it glows with peace and joy.**
- 3. When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more lustre to the day.**
- 4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.**

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