

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – July 13, 2025

Responsive Call to Worship

Let us turn to God with confidence and expectation.

In you, O God, we place our trust.

Let us ask God to show us the road to follow.

Lead us, O God, in your truth and teach us your way.

Let us seek hope in the Lord who is our salvation.

All day long we will put our hope in the God who saves us.

Hymn 411 Stand up and bless the Lord

**1. Stand up and bless the Lord;
God's people now rejoice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God
with heart and soul and voice.**

**2. Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear God's holy name,
and praise and magnify?**

**3. Oh for the living flame
from God's own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought.**

**4. God is our strength and song;
now is salvation ours.
God's love in Christ we now proclaim
with all our ransomed powers.**

**5. Stand up and bless the Lord;
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless God's glorious name
henceforth forevermore.**

Prayer of Praise (*minister*)

Hymn 767 Lord, speak to me

**1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek**

your erring children lost and lone.

**2. Oh lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet;
oh feed me, Lord, that I may feed
your hungering ones with manna sweet.**

**3. Oh teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious truths that you impart,
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.**

**4. Oh fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my heart shall overflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.**

**5. Oh use me, Lord, use even me
just as you will, and when, and where,
until at last your face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.**

Prayer of Confession (*congregation*)

**God of loving kindness, Jesus called us to love you
above all else, and our neighbour as ourselves. Yet we
often fail to act in loving ways. We are distracted by our
own needs, forgetful of the needs of others. We let
differences divide us and excuse ourselves from
reaching out. Forgive us, O God. Create in us new hearts
so we can live and love faithfully 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.**

Hymn 374 O 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.

Responsive Reading Psalm 82 p. 532 NT & Psalms

- ¹God presides over heaven's court;
he pronounces judgment on the heavenly beings:
- ²"How long will you hand down unjust decisions
by favoring the wicked?"**
- ³"Give justice to the poor and the orphan;
uphold the rights of the oppressed and the destitute.
- ⁴Rescue the poor and helpless;
deliver them from the grasp of evil people.**
- ⁵But these oppressors know nothing;
they are so ignorant!
They wander about in darkness,
while the whole world is shaken to the core.
- ⁶I say, 'You are gods;
you are all children of the Most High.**

⁷But you will die like mere mortals
and fall like every other ruler.”

**⁸Rise up, O God, and judge the earth,
for all the nations belong to you.**

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Scripture Lessons

Amos 7:7-17 p. 750 pew Bible

Colossians 1:1-14 p. 346 NT & Psalms

Luke 10:25-37 p. 125 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon **The good . . .**

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Prayer of Dedication (*congregation*)

God of the Samaritan’s kindness, we offer our gifts in hope, trusting that you will bless them to bring such kindness to others in Jesus’ name. Make of us ‘good Samaritans’ with the courage to be generous to neighbours and strangers for Christ’s sake. Amen.

Hymn 760 **Where cross the crowded ways of life**

**1. Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.**

**2. In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds, dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.**

**3. From tender childhood’s helplessness,
from woman’s grief, man’s burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow’s stress,
your heart has never known recoil.**

**4. The cup of water given for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the sweet compassion of your face.**

**5. O Saviour, from the mountain side,
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide,
oh tread the city's streets again;**

**6. Till human hearts shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heaven above,
shall come the city of our God.**

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