

**St. Mark's Presbyterian Church**  
**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 14, 2025**

**Responsive Call to Worship**

Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouths shall proclaim your praises.**

Serve God with gladness; Come before God's presence with singing

**Glory be to you O God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be.**

**Hymn 258 Thine be the glory**

**1. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.**

**Refrain:**

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

**2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth; death has lost its sting.**

**Refrain:**

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

**3. No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life!  
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, thru thy deathless love:  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.**

**Refrain:**

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

**Prayer of Praise (*minister*)**

**Hymn 461 Be thou my vision**

**1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,**

waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;  
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, thine own may I be,  
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight.  
be thou my armour, and be though my might  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

4 Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, through all my days;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

5 High King of heaven, when the battle is won  
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heaven's Sun!  
heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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

God of mercy, as we gather to celebrate your gift of love we recall with sorrow the times when we forget you and are divided one from the other. How often our thoughts, our words, and our actions, have betrayed the goodness you have shown to us. Forgive us, merciful God. Mend what is broken. Heal the wounded relationships that separate us from you and one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- 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 332 O Lord my God! / How great thou art**

**1 O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder,  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed:**

**Refrain:**

**then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:  
How great thou art! how great thou art!**

**2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze,**

**Refrain:**

**then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:  
How great thou art! how great thou art!**

**3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burdens gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin,**

**Refrain:**

**then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:  
How great thou art! how great thou art!**

**4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy will fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!**

**Refrain:**

then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:  
How great thou art! how great thou art!

**Responsive Reading Psalm 145      p. 587      NT & Psalms**

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, my God and King,  
and praise your name forever and ever.

**<sup>2</sup>I will praise you every day;  
yes, I will praise you forever.**

<sup>3</sup>Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise!  
No one can measure his greatness.

**<sup>4</sup>Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts;  
let them proclaim your power.**

<sup>5</sup>I will meditate on your majestic, glorious splendor  
and your wonderful miracles.

**<sup>6</sup>Your awe-inspiring deeds will be on every tongue;  
I will proclaim your greatness.**

<sup>7</sup>Everyone will share the story of your wonderful goodness;  
they will sing with joy about your righteousness.

**<sup>8</sup>The Lord is merciful and compassionate,  
slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.**

<sup>9</sup>The Lord is good to everyone.

He showers compassion on all his creation.

**<sup>10</sup>All of your works will thank you, Lord,  
and your faithful followers will praise you.**

<sup>11</sup>They will speak of the glory of your kingdom;  
they will give examples of your power.

**<sup>12</sup>They will tell about your mighty deeds  
and about the majesty and glory of your reign.**

<sup>13</sup>For your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom.  
You rule throughout all generations.

The Lord always keeps his promises;  
he is gracious in all he does.

**<sup>14</sup>The Lord helps the fallen  
and lifts those bent beneath their loads.**

<sup>15</sup>The eyes of all look to you in hope;  
you give them their food as they need it.

**<sup>16</sup>When you open your hand,  
you satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.**

<sup>17</sup>The Lord is righteous in everything he does;  
he is filled with kindness.

**<sup>18</sup>The Lord is close to all who call on him,  
yes, to all who call on him in truth.**

<sup>19</sup>He grants the desires of those who fear him;  
he hears their cries for help and rescues them.

**<sup>20</sup>The Lord protects all those who love him,  
but he destroys the wicked.**

**<sup>21</sup>I will praise the Lord,  
and may everyone on earth bless his holy name  
forever and ever.**

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## Scripture Lessons

Jeremiah 29:4-13      p. 641 pew Bible

1 Corinthians 12:12-30      p. 298 NT & Psalms

John 1:35-51      p. 159 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

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

**Sermon    What's our history?**

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

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

**Generous God, from whom all blessings come and from  
whom we receive all things: accept the offerings we  
bring, remember those who brought them and those  
for whom they are given. Accept our offerings and our  
lives and use them for the building up of your kingdom  
in this world, through Jesus Christ, Amen.**

## 539 The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.  
On the third day he rose again from the dead;**

he ascended to heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **Hymn 670 Amazing grace**

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me:  
His word my hope secures;  
God will my shield and portion be,  
as long as life endures.

5. What thanks I owe you, and what love—  
a boundless, endless store—  
shall echo through the realms above  
when time shall be no more.

6. When we've been there a thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than  
when we'd first begun.

### **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**