

**St. Mark's Presbyterian Church**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 21, 2025**  
**Presbyterians Sharing Sunday**

**Responsive Call to Worship**

Come into this time just as you are.

**Come into this time in humble thankfulness.**

Come to have tired feet tended.

**Come to have bruised feet bandaged.**

Come to have dusty feet washed.

**Come to be renewed by Christ's love.**

Come to be revitalized by the Spirit's presence.

**Come to worship God!**

**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.

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

#### **Hymn 626 Lord of all power**

1. Lord of all power, I give you my will,  
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.  
Your bondage is freedom, your service is song,  
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

2. Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,  
rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find.  
What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard  
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.

3. Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;  
I praise and adore you for all you impart:  
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,  
your presence to cheer me, whatever betide.

4. Lord of all being, I give you my all.  
If e'er I disown you, I stumble and fall,  
but, sworn in glad service your word to obey,  
I walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

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

Although we may leap and sing for joy this day, we also know there is much wrong in our lives, in our communities and in the world; and so we pray that you will hear us as we make our confession.

Our feet are indeed tired and worn. We feel the stresses and strains that alienate us from you. We are out of step with ourselves, out of step with each other, out of step with your created world, and out of step with you.

We drag our feet as we are reluctant to use our talents or gifts. We have blisters from rubbing people the wrong way and calluses from losing our sensitivity and becoming indifferent to other people's needs or hurt or pain. We are slow to follow, because our feet are made of clay.

Forgive us we pray.

- 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 637 Take my life and let it be**

**1. Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days:  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**2. Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**3. Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only for my King;  
take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.**

**4. Take my silver and my gold:  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.**

**5. Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart: it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.**

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!

Your glory is higher than the heavens.

**<sup>2</sup>You have taught children and infants  
to tell of your strength,  
silencing your enemies  
and all who oppose you.**

<sup>3</sup>When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—  
the moon and the stars you set in place—

**<sup>4</sup>what are mere mortals that you should think about them,  
human beings that you should care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you made them only a little lower than God  
and crowned them with glory and honor.

**<sup>6</sup>You gave them charge of everything you made,  
putting all things under their authority—**

<sup>7</sup>the flocks and the herds  
and all the wild animals,

**<sup>8</sup>the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea,  
and everything that swims the ocean currents.**

**<sup>9</sup>O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!**

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## **Scripture Lessons**

Isaiah 52:7-12 p. 603 pew Bible

1 Corinthians 12:12-26 p. 298 NT & Psalms

John 13:1-20 p. 185 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon Don't just walk on them**

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

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

**O God may we always remember that the gracefulness of the dance does not depend on us. You give us the gift of dance, and you perceive the beauty of that dance, even when we cannot. Use our gifts to continue and enliven the dance. Continue to call us to the dance which makes sure there is enough of everything – music**

and space and dance steps – to go around, beyond what we can imagine. Amen.

## Hymn 640 Softly and tenderly

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me:  
patiently Jesus is waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

“Come home, (come home,) come home, (come home),  
ye who are weary, come home”;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner, “Come home!”

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me?

Refrain:

“Come home, (come home,) come home, (come home),  
ye who are weary, come home”;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner, “Come home!”

3. Oh for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me;  
though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me.

Refrain:

“Come home, (come home,) come home, (come home),  
ye who are weary, come home”;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner, “Come home!”

## 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**