

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – October 5, 2025

Responsive Call to Worship

Place your trust in the Lord.

God shall heal our suffering and pain.

Place your faith in God's abiding presence.

We shall be strengthened.

Place your lives always in God's care.

**We shall be made whole in the Lord of all compassion. Come,
let us worship God!**

Hymn 683 I know not why such wondrous grace

**1. I know not why such wondrous grace
to me God has made known;
nor why, unworthy as I am,
Christ claimed me for his own,**

Refrain:

**but I know whom I have believed
and am persuaded that Christ is able
to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day.**

**2. I know not why this saving faith
to me God did impart,
nor how believing in the word brought
peace into my heart,**

Refrain:

**but I know whom I have believed
and am persuaded that Christ is able
to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day.**

**3. I know not how the Spirit moves,
convincing me of sin,
revealing Jesus through the word,
creating faith in him:**

Refrain:

**but I know whom I have believed
and am persuaded that Christ is able**

to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day.

Prayer of Praise (*minister*)

Hymn 689 Simply trusting every day

**1. Simply trusting every day,
trusting through a stormy way,
even when my faith is small,
trusting Jesus, that is all.**

Refrain:

**Trusting as the moments fly,
trusting as the days go by,
trusting him whate'er befall,
trusting Jesus, that is all.**

**2. Brightly doth his Spirit shine
into this poor heart of mine;
while he leads I cannot fall,
trusting Jesus, that is all.**

Refrain:

**Trusting as the moments fly,
trusting as the days go by,
trusting him whate'er befall,
trusting Jesus, that is all.**

**3. Singing, if my way be clear,
praying, if the path be drear,
if in danger for him call,
trusting Jesus, that is all.**

Refrain:

**Trusting as the moments fly,
trusting as the days go by,
trusting him whate'er befall,
trusting Jesus, that is all.**

**4. Trusting him while life shall last,
trusting him till earth be past,
till within the jasper wall,
trusting Jesus, that is all.**

Refrain:

**Trusting as the moments fly,
trusting as the days go by,
trusting him whate'er befall,
trusting Jesus, that is all.**

Prayer of Confession (*congregation*)

Merciful and grace-giving God, when we remember your great faithfulness and steadfast love, we confess how far we fall short of both. There are times when we judge others by our standards of faithfulness rather than yours. We confess there are times when we believe our works of faith earn us your favour. Forgive us when we forget your grace, 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 393 I'm not ashamed to own my Lord (Tune Azmon #730)

**1. I'm not ashamed to own my Lord,
or to defend his cause,
maintain the glory of his cross
and honour all his laws.**

**2. Jesus, my Lord! I know his name;
his name is all my boast;
nor will he put my soul to shame,
nor let my hope be lost.**

**3. I know that safe with him remains,
protected by his power,
what I've committed to his trust
till the decisive hour.**

**4. Then will he own his servant's name
before his Father's face,
and in the new Jerusalem
appoint my soul a place.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 37:1-9 p. 486 NT & Psalms

¹Don't worry about the wicked
or envy those who do wrong.

**²For like grass, they soon fade away.
Like spring flowers, they soon wither.**

³Trust in the Lord and do good.
Then you will live safely in the land and prosper.

**⁴Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you your heart's desires.**

⁵Commit everything you do to the Lord.
Trust him, and he will help you.

**⁶He will make your innocence radiate like the dawn,
and the justice of your cause will shine like the noonday
sun.**

⁷Be still in the presence of the Lord,
and wait patiently for him to act.
Don't worry about evil people who prosper
or fret about their wicked schemes.

**⁸Stop being angry!
Turn from your rage!
Do not lose your temper—
it only leads to harm.**

**⁹For the wicked will be destroyed,
but those who trust in the Lord
will possess the land.**

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STOP SHARE Spotlight

Scripture Lessons

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4	p. 763 pew Bible
2 Timothy 1:1-14	p. 367 NT & Psalms
Luke 17:5-10	p. 139 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon When did we get grace?

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Prayer of Dedication (*congregation*)

God, you are the giver of every good and perfect gift. Our gifts may not be perfect but bless them with your Holy Spirit to spread your goodness in the world, for the sake of 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