

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – October 12, 2025

Responsive Call to Worship

We come as guests invited to a table.

We come to celebrate with friends and neighbours.

Jesus Christ, our Friend and Saviour, invites us to gather.

We gather with his friends around the world.

Come and worship with hearts full of God's praise and promise.

We worship God in gladness, for God's faithfulness endures forever.

Hymn 65 All people that on earth do dwell

**1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth; his praise forth tell.
Come ye before him and rejoice.**

**2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his flock, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**3. Oh enter then his gates with praise;
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.**

**4. For why, the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

Prayer of Praise (*minister*)

Hymn 807 We plough the fields and scatter

**1. We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand:
you send the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,**

the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain:

All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
we thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord
for all your love.

2. You only are the Maker
of all things near and far;
you paint the wayside flower,
you light the evening star;
the winds and waves obey you;
by you the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children,
you give our daily bread.

Refrain:

All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
we thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord
for all your love.

3. We thank you, our provider,
for all things bright and good,
the seedtime and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
for all your love imparts,
but that which you most welcome:
our humble, thankful hearts.

Refrain:

All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
we thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord
for all your love.

Prayer of Confession (congregation)

God of mercy and mystery, when you invite us to your
table, you ask us to come with clean hands and open
hearts. You ask us to come in peace, seeking

reconciliation with you and with each other. In this silence, we hand over to you the broken relationships, disagreements and disappointments that keep us from living in your peace. Free us from the burdens we carry which we share in this silence, so that we may be a source of peace in this troubled world.

- 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 forgiveness (minister)

Responsive Reading Psalm 100 p. 547 NT & Psalms

¹Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!

²Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing with joy.

³Acknowledge that the Lord is God!

He made us, and we are his.

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him and praise his name.

⁵For the Lord is good.

His unfailing love continues forever,

and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

New Living Translation (NLT)

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Scripture Lessons:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

p. 159 pew Bible

Philippians 4:4-9

p. 344 NT & Psalms

John 6:25-35

p. 169 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon We have much to be thankful for . . . don't we?

Prayers of the People (minister)

Prayer of Dedication (congregation)

Gracious and generous God, we offer our gifts in gratitude for all we receive from your hand. Bless and multiply them, just as Jesus multiplied a few loaves and fishes to bless others. Use them so others can taste your love in our community and in your world, through the grace of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Communion Hymn 537 'Twas on that night

- 1. 'Twas on that night when doomed to know
the eager rage of every foe,
that night in which he was betrayed,
the Savior of the world took bread,**
- 2. and after thanks and glory given
to God who rules in earth and heaven,
that symbol of his flesh he broke,
and thus to all his followers spoke:**
- 3. "My broken body thus I give
for you, for all; take, eat, and live;
and oft the sacred rite renew
that brings my wondrous love to view."**
- 4. Then in his hands the cup he raised,
and God anew he thanked and praised;
the fullness of God's grace he showed
and from his lips salvation flowed.**
- 5. "My blood I thus pour forth," he cries,
"to cleanse the soul in sin that lies;
in this the covenant is sealed,
and heaven's eternal grace revealed."**
- 6. "With suffering love this cup is given;
let all partake the wine of heaven,
and when you gather, let it pour,**

in living memory of this hour.”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three, you are the source of all that exists. You are beyond the galaxies, deeper than the oceans; You pour down rain and bring forth the fruit of the earth. You carry us through deep waters and hold us in the darkest night. So, with all your creatures, great and small, with angels and archangels, with saints and servants in every generation we join in the rejoicing of your creation:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy is your Son Jesus, O God; walking this earth, feeding the hungry, calling the lost, noticing the forgotten, healing those who reached out, teaching those who sought wisdom, he revealed your kingdom in our midst. Today we thank you for all Jesus shared with us to show us that you are always with us in times of plenty and times of pain. And so, we celebrate the mystery of our faith in him:

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Holy God, when the sounds of our rejoicing fall silent, we remember those who cannot rejoice today, who face times of pain or fear or upheaval. We think especially of those whose countries have been overwhelmed by earthquakes, floods or storms, by conflict, drought or famine.

Draw near to them in the power of the Spirit to strengthen and sustain them through Christ's compassion and ours.

Holy Spirit, come now and settle on us and on these gifts of bread and cup. May they become for us Christ's body and life blood, healing, forgiving and making us whole. So may we become Christ's body, the Church, loving and caring throughout the whole world until that day when all creation feasts with you in the fullness of your mercy and peace that we savour today in the name of our Saviour.

Distribution

The Breaking of the Bread

The Pouring of the Cup

The Revelation

Partaking of the Bread

Partaking of the Cup

Prayer after Holy Communion (*Unison*)

Loving God, Christ our Lord, Holy Spirit, you have nourished us, body and soul, in this meal. We have heard your love, so send us out to speak it. We have seen your love, so send us out to show it. We have been fed by your love, so send us out to share it. And let all things be done for your glory. Amen.

Hymn 457 Now thank we all our God

**1. Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom God's world rejoices,
who from our mother's arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**2. Oh may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with everjoyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all with grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.**

**3. All praise and thanks to God
who reigns in highest heaven,
the Father and the Son
and Spirit now be given,
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
for thus it was, is now
and shall be evermore.**

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