

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost – November 9, 2025
Remembrance Sunday

Land Acknowledgement

Responsive Call to Worship

On this day of memories, we gather to sing and to pray;

we remember the past and look to the future.

On this day when the guns and canons fell silent,

we come before you, God, seeking your peace.

On this day of hope in the face of terror,

**we come before you, God, believing in your promise. Let us
worship God together, in peace.**

Two minutes of silence

Hymn 800 O Canada(unaccompanied)

**1. O Canada our home and native land,
true patriot love in all our hearts command.**

**With glowing hearts, thy children stand,
the true north strong and free;
from far and wide, O Canada,
we stand on guard for thee.**

**God keep our land glorious and free;
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.**

**2. Almighty Love, by thy mysterious power,
in wisdom guide, with faith and freedom dower,
be ours a nation evermore
that no oppression blights,
where justice rules from shore to shore,
from lakes to northern lights.**

**May love alone for wrong atone;
Lord of the lands, make Canada thine own.
Lord of the lands, make Canada thine own.**

Prayer of Praise (*minister*)

Hymn 647 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

**o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee,
yet possessing every blessing
if our God our guide shall be.**

**2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary
through the desert thou didst go.**

**3. Spirit of our God descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided
nothing can our peace destroy.**

Prayer of Confession (*congregation*)

God of mercy, we confess that the world around us is in a mess. Countries turn arguments over territory into threats of terror. Old enemies stir up conflict within their tribes and nations. The threat of violence keeps us all on edge. Forgive us for not learning from past conflicts what leads to peace with justice.

- 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 330 O God, our Help in ages past

1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.
2. Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an everrolling stream,
bears all our years away.
They fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.
6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Responsive Reading Psalm 17:1-9 p. 467 NT & Psalms

¹O Lord, hear my plea for justice.

Listen to my cry for help.

Pay attention to my prayer,

for it comes from honest lips.

²**Declare me innocent,**

for you see those who do right.

³You have tested my thoughts and examined my heart in the night.

You have scrutinized me and found nothing wrong.

I am determined not to sin in what I say.

**⁴I have followed your commands,
which keep me from following cruel and evil people.**

**⁵My steps have stayed on your path;
I have not wavered from following you.**

**⁶I am praying to you because I know you will answer, O God.
Bend down and listen as I pray.**

**⁷Show me your unfailing love in wonderful ways.
By your mighty power you rescue
those who seek refuge from their enemies.**

**⁸Guard me as you would guard your own eyes.
Hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

**⁹Protect me from wicked people who attack me,
from murderous enemies who surround me.**

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Scripture Lessons

Job 19:23-27a p. 414 pew Bible

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 p. 357 NT & Psalms

Luke 20:27-38 p. 146 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon **Vindication?**

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Prayer of Dedication (*congregation*)

God of justice and generosity, when we consider that Christ gave his very life for our sakes, we are humbled to offer our gifts. We are also humbled by the memory of those who gave up their youth, their families, and their very lives in conflict so that justice and truth would prevail. Bless our small gifts with the possibilities your Spirit can create, so that justice and truth continue to prevail in the world you love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 257 **The strife is o'er, the battle won**

**1. The strife is o'er, the battle done;
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.
Hallelujah!**

**2. Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
but Christ their legions has dispersed:
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:
Hallelujah!**

**3. The three sad days have quickly sped;
Christ rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head!
Hallelujah!**

**4. Lord, from your wounds God's blessings spring:
free us, we pray, from death's dread sting
that we may live, and ever sing:
Hallelujah!**

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