

**St. Mark's Presbyterian Church**  
**Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – November 16, 2025**  
**Reign of Christ**

**Responsive Call to Worship**

Say among the nations, the Lord reigns.

**Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!**

The Lord is coming to judge the earth.

**God will judge the world with righteousness and the people with truth.**

Come let us worship God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Blessing and honour, glory and power be to our God now and always.**

**Hymn 483 Glorious things of thee are spoken**

**1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;**

**One whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for a strong abode.**

**On the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?**

**With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou mayst smile at all thy foes.**

**2. See the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove.**

**Who can faint while such a river  
ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,  
never fails from age to age.**

**3. Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear,  
for a glory and a covering,  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus they march, the pillar leading  
light by night and shade by day  
daily on the manna feeding  
which God gives them when they pray.**

**4. Saviour, since of Zion's city  
we, through grace, a part may claim,  
let the world deride or pity,  
we will glory in thy name.**

**Fading is all worldly pleasure,  
all its boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure  
none but Zion's children know.**

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

### **Hymn 267 Rejoice, the Lord is King**

**1. Rejoice, the Lord is King;  
your sovereign Lord adore;  
give thanks, O mortals, sing  
and triumph ever more.**

**Lift up your heart;  
lift up your voice; rejoice,  
again I say, rejoice.**

**2. For Christ the Saviour reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when Jesus purged our stains,  
he took his seat above.**

**Lift up your heart;  
lift up your voice; rejoice,  
again I say, rejoice.**

**3. His reign can never fail;  
he rules o'er earth and heaven:  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Saviour given.**

**Lift up your heart;  
lift up your voice; rejoice,  
again I say, rejoice.**

**4. He sits at God's right hand  
till all his foes submit  
and bow to his command  
and fall beneath his feet.**

**Lift up your heart;  
lift up your voice; rejoice,**

again I say, rejoice.

**5. Rejoice in glorious hope,  
for Christ the judge shall come  
and take the faithful up  
to their eternal home.**

**We soon shall hear  
the archangel's voice;  
the trump of God shall sound: rejoice.**

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

**God of wisdom and warning, we confess that we often prefer our own plans to your purposes. We shrink from acts of service that seem too demanding. Forgive us when our commitment wavers and we think someone else will take up the challenges we face. Inspire us with the example of Jesus, and energize us with your Spirit to follow him as our Shepherd wherever he leads.**

**- 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 274 Crown him with many crowns**

**1. Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon the throne:  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died to be  
your Saviour and your matchless King**

through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Son of God,  
before the worlds began;  
let all who tread where he has trod,  
crown him the Son of Man,  
who every grief has known  
that wrings the human breast,  
and takes and bears them for his own,  
that all in him may rest.

3. Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing  
who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

4. Crown him the Lord of peace  
whose kingdom is at hand;  
from pole to pole let warfare cease  
and Christ rule every land!  
A city stands on high;  
Christ's glory it displays,  
and there the nations 'Holy' cry  
in joyful hymns of praise.

5. Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Source, the End of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres  
in majesty sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail,  
for you have died for me;  
your praise shall never, never fail  
through all eternity!

**Responsive Reading**      **Psalm 46 p. 496 NT & Psalms**

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
always ready to help in times of trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**So we will not fear when earthquakes come**

**and the mountains crumble into the sea.**

<sup>3</sup>Let the oceans roar and foam.

Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

**<sup>4</sup>A river brings joy to the city of our God,  
the sacred home of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God dwells in that city; it cannot be destroyed.

From the very break of day, God will protect it.

**<sup>6</sup>The nations are in chaos,  
and their kingdoms crumble!  
God's voice thunders,  
and the earth melts!**

<sup>7</sup>The Lord of Heaven's Armies is here among us;  
the God of Israel is our fortress.

**<sup>8</sup>Come, see the glorious works of the Lord:  
See how he brings destruction upon the world.**

<sup>9</sup>He causes wars to end throughout the earth.

He breaks the bow and snaps the spear;

he burns the shields with fire.

**<sup>10</sup>"Be still and know that I am God!  
I will be honored by every nation.  
I will be honored throughout the world."**

**<sup>11</sup>The Lord of Heaven's Armies is here among us;  
the God of Israel is our fortress.**

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## **Scripture Lessons**

Jeremiah 23:1-6      p. 635 pew Bible

Colossians 1:11-20      p. 346 NT & Psalms

Luke 23:33-43      p. 154 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

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

**Sermon    How do, or how should, kings act?**

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

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

**Merciful God, you envision a world where the hungry  
are fed and strangers are welcomed. We bring you our  
gifts to share in that vision. With your blessing, may our**

**gifts bear fruit in Christ's name, and offer his blessing to those we serve for his sake. Amen.**

## **Hymn 275 Jesus shall reign where're the sun**

**1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**2. For him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like fragrance sweet shall rise  
with every morning sacrifice.**

**3. People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.**

**4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the prisoners leap to lose their chains;  
The weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.**

**5. Let every creature rise and bring  
the honours due our glorious King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the long Amen.**

## **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**