

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost – November 16, 2025
Land Acknowledgement

I want to acknowledge I am leading worship from Treaty 4 Territory
the traditional homeland of the Cree, Ojibwe, Saulteaux (SOTO),
Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and the Métis Nations

Responsive Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

We will lift up joyous songs and sing your praises.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it
rejoice.

Let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord,
For God will come to judge the world with righteousness, and the
peoples with equity.

**Let us join with all creation to praise the Lord! Let us worship
God!**

Hymn 411 Stand up and bless the Lord

**1. Stand up and bless the Lord;
God's people now rejoice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God
with heart and soul and voice.**

**2. Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear God's holy name,
and praise and magnify?**

**3. Oh for the living flame
from God's own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought.**

**4. God is our strength and song;
now is salvation ours.
God's love in Christ we now proclaim
with all our ransomed powers.**

**5. Stand up and bless the Lord;
the Lord your God adore;**

**stand up and bless God's glorious name
henceforth forevermore.**

Prayer of Praise (*minister*)

Hymn 481 Blest be the tie that binds

- 1. Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.**
- 2. Before our Maker's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.**
- 3. We share each other's woes,
each other's burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.**
- 4. When we asunder part,
it gives us keenest pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.**
- 5. This glorious hope revives
our courage on the way;
in perfect friendship we shall live
in God's eternal day.**

Prayer of Confession (*congregation*)

**God of promise and purpose, you set before us a vision of
your new heaven and earth, yet we confess we easily cling to
the past. We hold on to grudges and resentment. We
grumble about change even when we see the need for it. We
resist making room for those who have faced discrimination
in our community. Forgive these old ways of thinking and
acting. Create in us hearts made new by your mercy and
love.**

- 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 644 May the mind of Christ my Saviour

**1. May the mind of Christ my Saviour
live in me from day to day,
Jesus' love and power controlling
all I do or say.**

**2. May the word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph
only through God's power.**

**3. May the peace of God my Sovereign
rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.**

**4. May the love of Jesus fill me,
as the waters fill the sea;
Christ exalting, self denying,
this is victory.**

**5. May I run the race before me,
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus
as I onward go.**

Responsive Reading Isaiah 12 p. 563 pew Bible (NIV)

¹In that day you will say:

"I will praise you, Lord.

Although you were angry with me,
your anger has turned away
and you have comforted me.

**²Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust and not be afraid.
The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense;
he has become my salvation."**

**³With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.**

**⁴In that day you will say:
"Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done,
and proclaim that his name is exalted.**

**⁵Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things;
let this be known to all the world.**

**⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,
for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."**

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 65:17-25 p. 610 pew Bible

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 p. 359 NT & Psalms

Luke 21:5-19 p. 148 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon How should we be?

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Prayer of Dedication (*congregation*)

Steadfast God, we enjoy your loving kindness day by day. We offer our gifts in gratitude for what we have received from your love. Bless our gifts and our lives so that your goodness will touch many lives in the name of Jesus Christ, our friend and saviour. Amen.

Hymn 687 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

**1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

Refrain:

**This is my story; this is my song:
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song:**

praising my Saviour all the day long.

**2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

Refrain:

**This is my story; this is my song:
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song:
praising my Saviour all the day long.**

**3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

Refrain:

**This is my story; this is my song:
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song:
praising my Saviour all the day long.**

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