

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany – February 1, 2026

Land Acknowledgement

I 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

God calls us to seek justice:

Let Christ's love for the poor and hungry fill the earth.

God calls us to show kindness,

Let Christ's light shine in places of brokenness and despair.

God calls us to walk humbly in the Spirit,

Let us join the work of the kingdom in humility and hope.

Called, blessed, and inspired, let us worship God together.

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 39 God of mercy, God of grace

1. God of mercy, God of grace,

**show the brightness of your face.
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine;
fill your world with light divine,
and your saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.**

**2. Let the people praise you, Lord;
be by all that live adored.**

**Let the nations shout and sing
glory to their gracious King;
at your feet their tribute pay,
and your holy will obey.**

**3. Let the people praise you, Lord;
earth shall then its fruits afford.**

**Unto us your blessing give;
we to you devoted live,
all below and all above,
one in joy and light and love.**

Prayer of Confession (*congregation*)

**God of the ages, we confess the world's wisdom
attracts us, in advertisement and argument. We fail to
measure messages according to the wisdom in your
Word. We find calls to do justice too demanding, for
the world has taught us to look to our own interests
first. Forgive us, we pray. Renew us with your mercy, so
that we may walk more humbly with you and each
other day by day.**

- 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 671 I heard the voice of Jesus say

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast!"

I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink and live!"

I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that lifegiving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived
and now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright?"

I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun,
and in that light of life I'll walk
till traveling days are done.

Responsive Reading Psalm 15 p. 466 NT & Psalms

¹Who may worship in your sanctuary, Lord?

Who may enter your presence on your holy hill?

**²Those who lead blameless lives and do what is right,
speaking the truth from sincere hearts.**

³Those who refuse to gossip
or harm their neighbors
or speak evil of their friends.

**⁴Those who despise flagrant sinners,
and honor the faithful followers of the Lord,
and keep their promises even when it hurts.**

**⁵Those who lend money without charging interest,
and who cannot be bribed to lie about the innocent.
Such people will stand firm forever.**

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Scripture Lessons

Micah 6:1-8 p. 759 pew Bible

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 p. 284 NT & Psalms

Matthew 5:1-12 p. 8 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Surely not!

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Prayer of Dedication (*congregation*)

God of Life, from you all loving kindness, justice, and mercy flow. Bless these gifts so that acts of kindness, justice, and mercy flow from them, too. And bless our lives so the world may see in us signs of your kingdom at work in the church and community, in Christ's name. Amen.

Hymn 479 The church's one foundation

**1. The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation
by water and the word;
from heaven he came and sought us
that we might ever be
his living servant people,
by his own death set free.**

**2. Called forth from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
our charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth,
one holy name professing
and at one table fed,
to one hope we are pressing,
by Christ's own Spirit led.**

**3. Though with a scornful wonder
the world sees us oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up, 'How long?'
But soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.**

**4. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
our longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.**

**5. We now on earth have union
with God the Three-in-One,
and share, through faith, communion
with those whose rest is won,
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.**

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