

**St. Mark's Presbyterian Church**  
**Transfiguration Sunday – February 15, 2026**

**Land Acknowledgement**

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

**Responsive Call to Worship**

The Lord rules over the earth in majesty and mystery.

**We praise God's awesome name!**

The Lord loves justice and calls us together in equity.

**We come to honour God's purposes with love and loyalty.**

The Christ of glory shines in this place.

**With the Spirit's power, we will lift our voices in prayer and praise!**

**Hymn 299 Holy, holy, holy**

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea,  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
who wert and art and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
though our eyes in sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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

**Hymn 685 How firm a foundation**

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,

is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!

What more can God say than to you hath been said,  
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. "Fear not, I am with thee; oh be not dismayed!

For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;

I'll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,

the rivers of woe shall not thee over flow,

for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,

and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,

my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:

the flames shall not hurt thee; I only design

thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

5. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose

I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;

that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,

I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

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

God of mystery and mercy, we confess we sometimes  
mistake our own desires for your will. We are too often  
distracted by our own desires and disappointments and  
we cling to fantasies and false promises. We fear for the  
future rather than seeking signs of hope and we  
preserve what is, rather than work for what you desire  
to be. Forgive who we have been, amend who we are  
and direct who we shall be;

- 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 367 Jesus, the very thought of thee**

**1. Jesus, the very thought of thee  
with sweetness fills my breast,  
but sweeter far thy face to see,  
and in thy presence rest.**

**2. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,  
nor can the memory find  
a sweeter sound than thy blest name,  
O Saviour dear and kind.**

**3. O hope of every contrite heart,  
O joy of all the meek,  
to those who fall how kind thou art,  
how good to those who seek!**

**4. But what to those who find? Ah, this  
nor tongue nor pen can show;  
the love of Jesus, what it is  
none but the loved ones know.**

**5. Jesus, our only joy be thou,  
as thou our prize wilt be;  
Jesus, be thou our glory now  
and through eternity.**

**Responsive Reading**      **Psalm 99 p. 546 NT & Psalms**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is king!

Let the nations tremble!

He sits on his throne between the cherubim.

Let the whole earth quake!

**<sup>2</sup>The Lord sits in majesty in Jerusalem,  
exalted above all the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>Let them praise your great and awesome name.

Your name is holy!

**<sup>4</sup>Mighty King, lover of justice,**

**you have established fairness.  
You have acted with justice  
and righteousness throughout Israel.**

<sup>5</sup>Exalt the Lord our God!

Bow low before his feet, for he is holy!

**<sup>6</sup>Moses and Aaron were among his priests;  
Samuel also called on his name.**

**They cried to the Lord for help,  
and he answered them.**

<sup>7</sup>He spoke to Israel from the pillar of cloud,  
and they followed the laws and decrees he gave them.

**<sup>8</sup>O Lord our God, you answered them.  
You were a forgiving God to them,  
but you punished them when they went wrong.**

**<sup>9</sup>Exalt the Lord our God,  
and worship at his holy mountain in Jerusalem,  
for the Lord our God is holy!**

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## **Scripture Lessons**

Exodus 24:12-18	p. 64 pew Bible
2 Peter 1:16-21	p. 410 NT & Psalms
Matthew 17:1-9	p. 33 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

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

**Sermon** **What's wrong with upside down?**

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

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

**God of love that transforms lives, we offer our gifts in gratitude for all we have received in Christ, your beloved Son. Take our gifts and transform them into acts of love that will bless the world in his name. Amen.**

**Hymn 461** **Be thou my vision**

**1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;  
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, thine own may I be,  
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.**

**3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight.  
be thou my armour, and be though my might  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.**

**4. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, through all my days;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art!**

**5. High King of heaven, when the battle is won  
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heaven's Sun!  
heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

### **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**