

**St. Mark's Presbyterian Church**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent – March 22, 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**

More than those who watch for the morning,

**we wait faithfully for God.**

With our questions and our cries, in our hopes and expectations,

**we wait faithfully for God.**

Come, let us worship the Lord our God together,

**and offer our prayers and praise in faithfulness.**

**Hymn 368 Let Christian faith and hope dispel**

**1. Let Christian faith and hope dispel  
the fears of guilt and woe;  
the Lord Almighty is our friend,  
and who can prove a foe?**

**2. The Saviour died, but rose again  
triumphant from the grave,  
and pleads our cause at God's right hand,  
omnipotent to save.**

**3. Who then can e'er divide us more  
from Jesus' saving love,  
or break the sacred chain that binds  
the earth to heaven above?**

**4. Let troubles rise and terrors frown,  
and days of darkness fall;  
through Christ all dangers we'll defy,  
and more than conquer all.**

**5. Nor death, nor life, nor earth, nor hell,  
nor time's destroying sway  
can e'er erase us from his heart,  
or make his love decay.**

**6. Each future period that will bless**

as it has blessed the past;  
Christ loved us from the first of time;  
Christ loves us to the last.

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

#### **Hymn 384 O Breath of life, come sweeping through us**

1. O Breath of life, come sweeping through us,  
revive your church with life and power;  
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us,  
and fit your church to meet this hour.

2. O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,  
till humbly we confess our need;  
then in your tenderness remake us,  
revive, restore, for this we plead.

3. O Breath of love, come breathe within us,  
renewing thought and will and heart;  
come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,  
revive your church in every part.

4. O tongues of fire, come rest upon us,  
so we may speak your word aright;  
kindle the flame of love among us;  
equip your church to spread the light.

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

God who knows us through and through, we confess  
our memories can cause us to struggle with our faith.  
We remember difficult times and wonder where you  
were. We remember tragedies and ask how you could  
let them happen. We remember our own mistakes and  
wonder how you could love us. Forgive us when our  
memories turn us away from you. Remind us that your  
love never lets us go and that its power holds us and  
heals us in every desperate moment.

- 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 749 Be still, my soul**

**1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;  
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to thy God to order and provide;  
in every change God faithful will remain.**

**Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake  
to guide the future wisely, as the past.**

**Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.**

**Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
the voice that ruled them here on earth below.**

**3. Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,  
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,  
then shalt thou better know God's love, God's heart,  
who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.**

**Be still, my soul: thy Jesus can repay  
from his own fullness all death takes away.**

**4. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.**

**Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

**Responsive Reading**      **Psalm 130 p. 578 NT & Psalms**

<sup>1</sup>From the depths of despair, O Lord,  
I call for your help.

<sup>2</sup>**Hear my cry, O Lord.**

**Pay attention to my prayer.**

<sup>3</sup>Lord, if you kept a record of our sins,  
who, O Lord, could ever survive?

**<sup>4</sup>But you offer forgiveness,  
that we might learn to fear you.**

<sup>5</sup>I am counting on the Lord;  
yes, I am counting on him.  
I have put my hope in his word.

**<sup>6</sup>long for the Lord  
more than sentries long for the dawn,  
yes, more than sentries long for the dawn.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, hope in the Lord;  
for with the Lord there is unfailing love.  
His redemption overflows.

**<sup>8</sup>He himself will redeem Israel  
from every kind of sin.**

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## **Scripture Lessons**

Ezekiel 37:1-14 p. p. 707 pew Bible

Romans 8:6-11 p. 267 NT & Psalms

John 11:1-45 p. 180 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon What's permanent?**

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

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

**We place our gifts into your hands, O God. With the power of your Holy Spirit make them seeds of new life, springing up with hope and healing for weary souls. In Jesus' name we pray. 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**