

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Sixth Sunday of Easter and Communion – May 10, 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

With word and song, we gather to praise God

who has blessed us with the gift of life in Jesus Christ.

We are drawn into God's presence through him,

and the burdens we carry he takes upon himself.

We are truly blessed, for God has listened and responded to our prayers.

We worship you, O God, with gladness in our hearts and songs of praise on our lips.

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.**

Hymn 433 All creatures of our God and King

**1. All creatures of our God and King
lift up your voice and with us sing:
sing praises, hallelujah!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises, sing praises, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah**

**2. Wild wind, unbounded, strong,
high clouds that sail in heaven along,
sing praises, hallelujah!
New rising dawn in praise rejoice,
kind lights of evening, find a voice:
sing praises, sing praises, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah**

**3. Deep flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your God to hear,
sing praises, hallelujah!
Fierce fire so masterful and bright,
pierce now the dark with heat and light,
sing praises, sing praises, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah**

**4. Dear mother earth, who day by day,
brings forth your blessings on our way,
sing praises, hallelujah!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them God's glory also show,
sing praises, sing praises, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah**

**5. Let everyone of tender heart,
forgiving others, take their part,
sing praises, hallelujah!
All who long pain and sorrow bear,
give God your burdens and your care,
sing praises, sing praises, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah**

**6. Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
sing praises, hallelujah!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One**

sing praises, sing praises, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Prayer of Confession (congregation)

God of love, we are grateful for the love you bless us with in our homes and families. Yet you know family life is not always easy. Our love for each another gets strained some days. Forgive us if we have taken our family for granted. Give us grace to repair relationships where strain is showing.

- 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)

Responsive Reading Psalm 66:8-20 p. 512 NT & Psalms

⁸ Let the whole world bless our God
and loudly sing his praises.

⁹ **Our lives are in his hands,
and he keeps our feet from stumbling.**

¹⁰ You have tested us, O God;
you have purified us like silver.

¹¹ **You captured us in your net
and laid the burden of slavery on our backs.**

¹² Then you put a leader over us.
We went through fire and flood,
but you brought us to a place of great abundance.

¹³ **Now I come to your Temple with burnt offerings
to fulfill the vows I made to you—**

¹⁴ yes, the sacred vows that I made
when I was in deep trouble.

¹⁵ **That is why I am sacrificing burnt offerings to you—
the best of my rams as a pleasing aroma,**

and a sacrifice of bulls and male goats.

¹⁶ Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what he did for me.

¹⁷ **For I cried out to him for help,
praising him as I spoke.**

¹⁸ If I had not confessed the sin in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.

¹⁹ **But God did listen!**

He paid attention to my prayer.

²⁰ **Praise God, who did not ignore my prayer
or withdraw his unfailing love from me.**

Scripture Lessons:

Acts 17:22-31 p. 234 NT & Psalms

1 Peter 3:13-22 p. 406 NT & Psalms

John 14:15-21 p. 187 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon What do we need to do?

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Prayer of Dedication (*congregation*)

God our Creator and Redeemer, you made us in love to share that love with neighbour and stranger as Jesus commanded. Take our gifts and make them tokens of your love we can share throughout our community and in the world you love, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Communion Hymn 507 Break now the bread of life

**1. Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea:
beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord:
my spirit longs for you, O living Word.**

**2. You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me;
your holy word is truth redeeming me.
Give me to eat and live with you above;
teach me to love your truth, for you are love.**

**3. Oh send your Spirit now, dear Lord, to me;
touch now my blinded eyes and make me see:**

**then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Jesus invites us to this table and now we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and this cup, ordinary things of the world. In these, Jesus has promised to be present; Through these Christ can make us whole. Come all of you this is the joyful feast of the people of God.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you;

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three, you are source of all that exists. You are beyond the galaxies, deeper than the oceans; You pour down rain and bring forth the fruit of the earth. You carry us through deep waters and hold us in the darkest night. So with all your creatures, great and small, with angels and archangels, with saints and servants in every generation we join in the rejoicing of your creation:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy is your Child Jesus, O God, walking this earth, feeding the hungry, calling the lost, noticing the forgotten, healing those who reached out, teaching those who sought wisdom, he revealed your kingdom in our midst. Today we thank you for all Jesus shared with us to show us that you are always with us in times of plenty and times of pain. And so we celebrate the mystery of our faith in him:

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Holy Spirit, come now and settle on us and on these gifts of bread and cup; that they may be for us Christ's body and life blood, healing, forgiving and making us whole. So may we become Christ's body, the Church, serving with love in creation until that day when all creation feasts in the presence of God, in the fullness of mercy and peace, which we taste today through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord

Distribution

The Breaking of the Bread

The Pouring of the Cup

The Revelation

Serving and Partaking of the Bread

Serving and Partaking of the Cup

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, Christ our Sovereign, Holy Spirit, you have nourished us, body and soul, in this meal. We have heard your love, so send us out to speak it. We have seen your love, so send us out to show it. We have been fed by your love, so send us out to share it. And let all things be done for your glory. Amen.

Hymn 371 Love divine, all loves excelling

**1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.**

**Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**

**2. Breathe, oh breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!**

**Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest;
take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

**3. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**4. Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly re stored in thee,
changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.**

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