

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Seventh Sunday of Easter – May 17, 2025

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

Let us be joyful before God!

We will sing praises to God's holy name.

Let us lift up a song to the One who rides upon the clouds,
who protects orphans and widows, and gives the desolate a home.

Sing to God, all nations of the earth;

We will sing praises to the Lord, our God!

Hymn 313 Oh worship the king

**1. Oh worship the King, all glorious above;
oh gratefully sing God's power and God's love,
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.**

**2. Oh tell of God's might, oh sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.**

**3. The earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**4. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.**

**5. O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy ransomed creation, in glory ablaze,
in true adoration shall sing to thy praise.**

Prayer of Praise (*minister*)

Hymn 275 Jesus shall reign where're the sun

**1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**2. For him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like fragrance sweet shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.**

**3. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.**

**4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.**

**5. Let every creature rise and bring
the honours due our glorious King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the long Amen.**

Prayer of Confession (*congregation*)

**God of mercy, we confess the times when we forget you
and are divided from one another, and how often our
thoughts, words, and actions betray your goodness and
our calling. Forgive us, merciful God. Mend what is
broken, heal our wounded relationships and convert
our hearts and minds, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

- 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 733 O God of love, true source of peace

(sung to the tune Melcombe, see #401)

**1. O God of love, true source of peace,
make wars throughout the world to cease;
the wrath of sinful hearts restrain:
give peace, O God, give peace again.**

**2. Remember, Lord, your works of old,
the wonders that our forebears told;
remember not our sin's deep stain:
give peace, O God, give peace again.**

**3. Whom shall we trust but you, O God?
Where rest but on your faithful word?
None ever called on you in vain:
give peace, O God, give peace again.**

**4. Where saints and angels dwell above,
all hearts are knit in holy love;
oh bind us in that heavenly chain:
give peace, O God, give peace again.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 **p. 513 NT & Psalms**

¹ Rise up, O God, and scatter your enemies.

Let those who hate God run for their lives.

² Blow them away like smoke.

Melt them like wax in a fire.

Let the wicked perish in the presence of God.

³ But let the godly rejoice.

Let them be glad in God's presence.

Let them be filled with joy.

⁴ Sing praises to God and to his name!

Sing loud praises to him who rides the clouds.

His name is the Lord—

rejoice in his presence!

⁵ Father to the fatherless, defender of widows—

this is God, whose dwelling is holy.

⁶ God places the lonely in families;

he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy.

But he makes the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

⁷ O God, when you led your people out from Egypt,
when you marched through the dry wasteland,

**⁸ the earth trembled, and the heavens poured down rain
before you, the God of Sinai,
before God, the God of Israel.**

⁹ You sent abundant rain, O God,
to refresh the weary land.

**¹⁰ There your people finally settled,
and with a bountiful harvest, O God,
you provided for your needy people.**

³² Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth.
Sing praises to the Lord.

**³³ Sing to the one who rides across the ancient heavens,
his mighty voice thundering from the sky.**

³⁴ Tell everyone about God's power.
His majesty shines down on Israel;
his strength is mighty in the heavens.

**³⁵ God is awesome in his sanctuary.
The God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.
Praise be to God!**

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Scripture Lessons

Acts 1:6-14 p. 201 NT & Psalms

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 p. 407 NT & Psalms

John 17:1-11 p. 191 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Why leave?

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Prayer of Dedication (*congregation*)

**Eternal and ever-present God, we offer you these gifts
in thanksgiving for the work of Christ in our lives. Bless
them and us with the power of the Spirit, enlisting all**

our gifts for the work of reconciliation Christ has given us to do in the world you love. Amen.

Hymn 707 More love to thee

**1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee:
hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee;
this is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee,
more love to thee, more love to thee**

**2. Through all that life may bring—joy, grief, or pain,
work out they perfect plan—true heavenly gain;
only create in me more love, O Christ, to thee,
more love to thee, more love to 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