

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost and Holy Communion – June 21,
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

To you, O God, we lift our hearts.

Listen to our voices and answer.

The Lord is good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love.

God does wondrous things with grace and mercy.

So let us glorify God's holy name together!

We come to worship God in love and faithfulness.

Hymn 407 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

- 1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise the everlasting King.**
- 2. Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
glorious in his faithfulness.**
- 3. Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
widely as his mercy flows.**
- 4. Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone,**

**but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise the high eternal One.**

**5. Angels, help us to adore him,
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space,
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise with us the God of grace.**

Prayer of Praise (*minister*)

Hymn 648 I'm gonna live so God can use me

**1. I'm gonna live so
God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so
God can use me anywhere,
Lord, anytime!**

**2. I'm gonna work so
God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so
God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**3. I'm gonna pray so
God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so
God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**4. I'm gonna sing so
God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so
God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

Prayer of Confession (congregation)

God who knows all people and all possibilities, you call us to follow you, yet we prefer familiar paths. You offer us new understanding yet change makes us uncomfortable. You invite us into the fullness of life, yet we often resist when the invitation comes with challenge or disruption. Forgive us, O God, and make of us loving disciples ready to follow Jesus' example.

- 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 86:1-10, 16-17 p. 535 NT & Psalms

¹ Bend down, O Lord, and hear my prayer;
answer me, for I need your help.

² Protect me, for I am devoted to you.

Save me, for I serve you and trust you.

You are my God.

³ Be merciful to me, O Lord,
for I am calling on you constantly.

⁴ Give me happiness, O Lord,

for I give myself to you.

⁵ O Lord, you are so good, so ready to forgive,
so full of unfailing love for all who ask for your help.

⁶ Listen closely to my prayer, O Lord;

hear my urgent cry.

⁷ I will call to you whenever I'm in trouble,
and you will answer me.

⁸ No pagan god is like you, O Lord.

None can do what you do!

⁹ All the nations you made
will come and bow before you, Lord;
they will praise your holy name.

**¹⁰ For you are great and perform wonderful deeds.
You alone are God.**

¹⁶ Look down and have mercy on me.
Give your strength to your servant;
save me, the son of your servant.

**¹⁷ Send me a sign of your favor.
Then those who hate me will be put to shame,
for you, O Lord, help and comfort me.**

Scripture Lessons:

Genesis 21:8-21 p. 15 pew Bible
Romans 6:1b-11 p. 264 NT & Psalms
Matthew 10:24-39 p. 19 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Who does God use?

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Prayer of Dedication (*congregation*)

**O God, we offer you our gifts in thanksgiving. Pour out
your Spirit upon them and upon us. May the gifts we
offer bear the fruit of your Spirit in every life we touch
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Communion Hymn 537 Twas on that night

**1. 'Twas on that night when doomed to know
the eager rage of every foe,
that night in which he was betrayed,
the Saviour of the world took bread,
2. and after thanks and glory given
to God who rules in earth and heaven,
that symbol of his flesh he broke,
and thus to all his followers spoke:
3. "My broken body thus I give
for you, for all; take, eat, and live;
and oft the sacred rite renew**

that brings my wondrous love to view.”

**4. Then in his hands the cup he raised,
and God anew he thanked and praised;
the fullness of God’s grace he showed
and from his lips salvation flowed.**

**5. “My blood I thus pour forth,” he cries,
“to cleanse the soul in sin that lies;
in this the covenant is sealed,
and heaven’s eternal grace revealed.”**

**6. “With suffering love this cup is given;
let all partake the wine of heaven,
and when you gather, let it pour,
in living memory of this hour.”**

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.

God our Creator, your Holy Spirit swept over the face of the waters like a mighty wind and the world was born full of mystery and wonder. You breathed on the dust and humankind sprang to life, made in your image to share in the dance of life. By your Spirit, you gave us breath and speech, that we might find a voice to sing your praise with all living things and live in right relationship with you and with each other. Now, with all your creatures great and small, with your saints before us, beside us and beyond us, we lift our voices to echo the song of 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.

God our Companion in Jesus Christ we have seen your loving face:
smiling at those on the edge of the crowd, on the margins;
weeping with friends in the depths of despair;
opening loving arms and offering new possibilities;
showing with his life and ministry how we are to care and minister to
each other.

In this bread and this cup, you hold out new possibilities for each of
us, precious as we are.

Send your Holy Spirit with power and grace upon us and upon these
gifts of bread and cup. With the warming flame of your Spirit, let us
taste the passion of Jesus Christ, baked into this bread, and be moved
to act with compassion in his name. With the wind of your Spirit, let us
taste from this cup the renewing and transforming love of Jesus Christ,
and be moved to greet each day with fresh hope and faithful
commitment.

As we eat and drink together today, Help us see where we have done
wrong and work to heal it; make us one with Christ and with each
other, so that our unity and our diversity at this table may be signs of
your healing and promise that all things will be reconciled to each
other through your love, even as we declare the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

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

**Spirit of God, blow through this world and our lives like
a refreshing wind. Surround us with the warmth and
breath of your presence and give us the energy to go**

where you need us to be. Move us to act with healing,
love and caring service to the lives we touch,
acknowledging where we have gone wrong and
working for redress; changing where change is needed;
led by the Spirit to live lives of faithful discipleship.
Amen.

Hymn 211 Take up your cross

1. Take up your cross, the Saviour said,
if my disciple you would be;
deny yourself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.

2. Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill frightened spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

3. Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let your foolish pride rebel:
for you the Saviour bore the cross,
to save your soul from death and hell.

4. Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,
and every danger calmly brave;
'twill guide you to a heavenly home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave.

5. Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down,
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

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