

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – June 28, 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

Let us sing of God's steadfast love.

We offer our praise in songs of joy.

God's faithfulness is as vast as the heavens.

We will proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.

Let us worship God in our prayers and our praise.

We will give God glory now and always!

Hymn 800 O Canada

1. O Canada our home and native land,
true patriot love in all our hearts command.
With glowing hearts, thy children stand,
the true north strong and free;
from far and wide, O Canada,
we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free;
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

2. Almighty Love, by thy mysterious power,
in wisdom guide, with faith and freedom dower,
be ours a nation evermore
that no oppression blights,
where justice rules from shore to shore,
from lakes to northern lights.
May love alone for wrong atone;
Lord of the lands, make Canada thine own.
Lord of the lands, make Canada thine own.

Prayer of Praise (*minister*)

Hymn 699 All the way my Saviour leads me

1. All the way my Saviour leads me;

what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy
who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
here by faith in him to dwell;
for I know, whate'er befall me
Jesus doeth all things well.

2. All the way my Saviour leads me,
cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for every trial,
feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
and my soul athirst may be,
gushing from the rock before me,
lo, a spring of joy I see.

3. All the way my Saviour leads me,
oh the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal,
wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages,
'Jesus led me all the way!'

Prayer of Confession (*congregation*)

God of mercy; as we gather to celebrate your gift of love we recall with sorrow the times when we forget you and are divided one from the other. How often our thoughts, our words, and our actions, have betrayed the goodness you have shown to us. Forgive us, merciful God. Mend what is broken. Heal the wounded relationships that separate us from you and one another; through Jesus Christ, we pray.

- 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 706 Come, let us sing

**1. Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,
tender and true, tender and true;
out of the heart of the Father above,
streaming to me and to you:
wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.**

**2. Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell
joyfully came, joyfully came,
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
sharing their sorrow and shame:
seeking the lost, seeking the lost,
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.**

**3. Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;
why do they roam? why do they roam?
Love only waits to forgive and forget;
home, weary wanderers, home:
wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.**

**4. Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love;
come and abide, come and abide,
lifting my life till it rises above
envy and falsehood and pride:
seeking to be, seeking to be
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 13 p. 465 NT & Psalms

¹O Lord, how long will you forget me? Forever?

How long will you look the other way?

**²How long must I struggle with anguish in my soul,
with sorrow in my heart every day?**

How long will my enemy have the upper hand?

³Turn and answer me, O Lord my God!

Restore the sparkle to my eyes, or I will die.

**⁴Don't let my enemies gloat, saying, "We have defeated
him!"**

Don't let them rejoice at my downfall.

⁵But I trust in your unfailing love.

I will rejoice because you have rescued me.

**⁶I will sing to the Lord
because he is good to me.**

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Scripture Lessons

Genesis 22:1-14 p. 16 pew Bible

Romans 6:12-23 p. 265 NT & Psalms

Matthew 10:40-42 p. 20 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Hospitality . . . again?

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Prayer of Dedication (*congregation*)

**Generous God, what we return to you today has first
come to us from you. Bless what we offer so that those
in need may taste your abundance which we know
already in Christ, our Living Lord. Amen.**

Hymn 760 Where cross the crowded ways of life

**1. Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.**

**2. In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds, dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.**

3. From tender childhood's helplessness,

from woman's grief, man's burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
your heart has never known recoil.

4. The cup of water given for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the sweet compassion of your face.

5. O Saviour, from the mountain side,
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide,
oh tread the city's streets again;

6. Till human hearts shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heaven above,
shall come the city of our God.

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