

**St. Mark's Presbyterian Church**  
**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – August 9, 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 traditional homeland of the Métis Nations

**Responsive Call to Worship**

Let us listen to what our God has for us,

**God's words come from God's steadfast love.**

Let us be faithful to what we hear,

**God's faithfulness is from everlasting to everlasting.**

Let us look to see the goodness God has provided,

**God's goodness surrounds us always. Come, let us worship God.**

**Hymn 451 Dear Father, Lord of humankind**

**1. Dear Father, Lord of humankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
reclothe us in our rightful mind;  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.**

**2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee.**

**3. O sabbath rest by Galilee,  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love.**

**4. With that deep hush subduing all  
our words and works that drown  
the tender whisper of thy call,  
as noiseless let thy blessing fall  
as fell thy manna down.**

**5. Drop Thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of Thy peace.**

**6. Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and Thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm.**

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

### **Hymn Like a River Glorious (*Hymns of the Christian Life*)**

**1. Like a river glorious, is God's perfect peace  
Over all victorious in its bright increase  
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day  
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way**

#### **Refrain:**

**Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest  
Finding as He promised  
Perfect peace and rest**

**2. Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand  
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand  
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care  
Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there**

#### **Refrain:**

**Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest  
Finding as He promised  
Perfect peace and rest**

**3. Every joy or trial falleth from above  
Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love  
We may trust Him fully all for us to do  
They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true**

#### **Refrain:**

**Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest  
Finding as He promised  
Perfect peace and rest**

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

**Merciful and patient God, we confess our fear, doubt and anger and all the ways we are less than you call us to be. You call us to live with courage and perseverance, yet we give up too easily and opt for the safer route. You encourage us to be bold in our struggles for justice, yet we remain silent in the face of unfairness. You command us to love, yet we are too often thoughtless and cruel. Forgive us our sins and renew our lives through your mercy and grace.**

**- 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 284 Revive your work, O Lord**

**1. Revive your work, O Lord:  
your mighty arm make bare;  
speak with the voice which wakes the dead,  
and make your people hear.**

**2. Revive your work, O Lord:  
disturb this sleep of death;  
ignite the smouldering embers now  
by your almighty breath.**

**3. Revive your work, O Lord:  
create soul thirst for you,  
and hunger for the bread of life,  
our spirits to renew.**

**4. Revive your work, O Lord:**

**exalt your precious name,  
and by the Holy Spirit come  
and set our love aflame.**

**5. Revive your work, O Lord:  
give power unto your word;  
grant that your living gospel may  
in living faith be heard.**

**6. Revive your work, O Lord:  
give pentecostal showers;  
the glory shall be all your own;  
the blessing, Lord, be ours.**

### **Responsive Reading Psalm 85:8-13 p. 535 NT & Psalms**

<sup>8</sup>I listen carefully to what God the Lord is saying,  
for he speaks peace to his faithful people.  
But let them not return to their foolish ways.

**<sup>9</sup>Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
so our land will be filled with his glory.**

<sup>10</sup>Unfailing love and truth have met together.  
Righteousness and peace have kissed!

**<sup>11</sup>Truth springs up from the earth,  
and righteousness smiles down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>Yes, the Lord pours down his blessings.  
Our land will yield its bountiful harvest.

**<sup>13</sup>Righteousness goes as a herald before him,  
preparing the way for his steps.**

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### **Scripture Lessons**

1 Kings 19:9-18      p. 285 pew Bible

Romans 9:1-5      p. 269 NT & Psalms

Matthew 14:13-21      p. 28 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon    Are we struggling alone? Are you?**

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

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

**Loving God, not only with our words, but with our lives and resources we will proclaim that you are in our midst. Take these gifts and use them so all might know that your love, your life, your hope, your healing is near to them. Amen.**

#### **Hymn 366 Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts**

- 1. Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,  
thou fount, thou light for all to see:  
from the best bliss that earth imparts  
we turn unfilled again to thee.**
- 2. Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;  
thou savest those that on thee call;  
to those who seek thee thou art good;  
to those who find thee, all in all.**
- 3. We taste thee, O thou living bread,  
and long to feast upon thee still;  
we drink of thee, the fountain head,  
and thirst our souls from thee to fill.**
- 4. For thee our restless spirits yearn  
where'er our changeful lot is cast,  
glad when thy gracious smile we see,  
blest when our faith can hold thee fast.**
- 5. O Jesus, always with us stay,  
make all our moments calm and bright;  
chase the dark night of sin away;  
shed o'er the world thy holy light.**

#### **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**