

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost and Communion – August 16,

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 Métis Nations

Responsive Call to Worship

Let the people praise God;

Let all the peoples praise the Lord!

Let the nations be glad and sing with joy,

For God guide us all with justice and equity.

Let the people praise God, for how we have been blessed;

Come, let us worship and offer all honour and praise.

Hymn 65 All people that on earth do dwell

**1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth; his praise forth tell.
Come ye before him and rejoice.**

**2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his flock, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**3. Oh enter then his gates with praise;
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.**

**4. For why, the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

Prayer of Praise (*minister*)

Hymn 481 Blest be the tie that binds

**1. Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;**

the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

2. Before our Maker's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

3. We share each other's woes,
each other's burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

4. When we asunder part,
it gives us keenest pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

5. This glorious hope revives
our courage on the way;
in perfect friendship we shall live
in God's eternal day.

Prayer of Confession (*congregation*)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as you have taught us. Forgive us those times we have not welcomed others into our community; and those times we have avoided others because something about them made us uncomfortable. Forgive us the ways we have judged people unfairly. Reveal to us our own prejudices and show us how to see your goodness in those who seem different from us.

- 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 133 **p. 579 NT & Psalms**

¹How wonderful and pleasant it is
when brothers live together in harmony!

²**For harmony is as precious as the anointing oil
that was poured over Aaron's head,
that ran down his beard
and onto the border of his robe.**

³**Harmony is as refreshing as the dew from Mount Hermon
that falls on the mountains of Zion.
And there the Lord has pronounced his blessing,
even life everlasting.**

Scripture Lessons:

Genesis 45:1-15	p. 39 pew Bible
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	p. 273 NT & Psalms
Matthew 15:10-28	p. 30 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon **Who said what?**

Prayers of the People *(minister)*

Prayer of Dedication *(congregation)*

O God, we place our hope and trust in your loving kindness. Because we want to praise you with more than just words, we offer our gifts to support Christ's mission in the world. Bless these gifts and use our energy for your good purposes, so that the world will know your loving kindness. 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.

It is right, our calling and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, Lord God, Creator and Sustainer of heaven and earth. You spoke, and at your word all things came to be: the sun, moon and stars; the earth, sky and seas. Your Spirit moved over creation, bringing order out of chaos, so, all the life you inspired could flourish according to your purposes. From the elements of the earth, you created us as unique and distinct peoples, to bear your holy image together. You called us all to love and serve you in lives marked by justice and compassion.

Although we have turned away from you and from one another, you have never turned from us. Through the prophets you called us back to do justice and love mercy. In the fullness of time, you came to us in Jesus, born of a mother's flesh, to reveal the full extent of your grace and love. Again, and again you welcome us with the open arms of a loving father. Therefore, we join our voices with those from every time and place, to proclaim your glory in the unending hymn:

**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 Son, Jesus. 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. Here and everywhere, we follow his example, breaking bread and sharing cup, as we recall the mystery of our faith in him:

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and cup, that we, and all who share this feast, may be one with Christ and he with us.

Remember your church around world as we celebrate the feast with brothers and sisters of every nation and race. Especially where keeping the faith is dangerous or difficult, may your Spirit protect and nourish your people. Remember the world of nations, torn by division and disaster. By your Spirit renew the face of the earth. Let peace and justice prevail.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, Creator and Sustainer of all, now and forever.

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

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have nourished us in this meal
and fed our bodies and souls. 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 on your love, so send us out to share it.
And let all things be done for your glory. Amen**

Hymn 352 And can it be that I should gain

**1. And can it be that I should gain
God's riches through the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
that thou, my God, should'st die for me?
Amazing love! how can it be
that thou, my God, should'st die for me?**

**2. 'Tis mystery all! the immortal dies:
who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore;
let angel minds inquire no more.
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore;
let angel minds inquire no more.**

**3. He left his Father's throne above,
so free, so infinite his grace,
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for, O my God, it found out me.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for, O my God, it found out me.**

**4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off; my heart was free.
I rose, went forth and followed thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free.
I rose, went forth and followed thee.**

**5. No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine;
alive in him, my living head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,**

and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

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