

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 30, 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

Give thanks to God and tell of God's gifts.

We will sing praises for all that God has done.

Let your hearts be joyful!

We will seek God's presence continually.

Call to mind God's wonderful works.

We will always remember the blessings of God and glorify God forever!

Hymn 434 For the beauty of the earth

- 1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**
- 2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**
- 3. For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**
- 4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,**

for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

5. For each perfect gift of thine,
to the earth so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

Prayer of Praise (*minister*)

Hymn 708 When Israel was in Egypt's land,

1. When Israel was in Egypt's land,
let my people go!
oppressed so hard they could not stand,
let my people go!

Refrain:

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land;
tell old Pharoah let my people go!

2. The Lord told Moses what to do:
let my people go!
to lead the Hebrew people through,
let my people go!

Refrain:

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land;
tell old Pharoah let my people go!

3. As Israel stood by the waterside,
let my people go!
at God's command it did divide,
let my people go!

Refrain:

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land;
tell old Pharoah let my people go!

4. When they had reached the other shore
let my people go!
they let the song of triumph soar,
let my people go!

Refrain:

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land;
tell old Pharoah let my people go!
5. Lord, help us all from bondage flee,
let my people go!
and let us all in Christ be free,
let my people go!

Refrain:

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land;
tell old Pharoah let my people go!

Prayer of Confession (*congregation*)

Faithful and forgiving God, we confess we do not live out your love and mercy. We cling to old hurts and familiar habits. We nurse anger and envy. We are often so self-absorbed that we turn our backs on those in need. Forgive what we have been, amend who we are, and guide us toward who we may become according to your generous 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 350 To God be the glory (*original words*)

1. To God be the glory! great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain:

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his
voice;**

**praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice.
Oh come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory; great things he hath done!**

**2. Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives!**

Refrain:

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his
voice;**

**praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice.
Oh come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory; great things he hath done!**

**3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.**

Refrain:

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his
voice;**

**praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice.
Oh come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory; great things he hath done!**

**Responsive Reading Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b p. 552 NT &
Psalms**

¹Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness.
Let the whole world know what he has done.

²**Sing to him; yes, sing his praises.**

Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds.

³Exult in his holy name;
rejoice, you who worship the Lord.

⁴**Search for the Lord and for his strength;
continually seek him.**

⁵Remember the wonders he has performed,
his miracles, and the rulings he has given,

⁶**you children of his servant Abraham,
you descendants of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

²³Then Israel arrived in Egypt;
Jacob lived as a foreigner in the land of Ham.

²⁴**And the Lord multiplied the people of Israel
until they became too mighty for their enemies.**

²⁵Then he turned the Egyptians against the Israelites,
and they plotted against the Lord's servants.

²⁶**But the Lord sent his servant Moses,
along with Aaron, whom he had chosen.**

^{45b}**Praise the Lord!**

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Scripture Lessons

Exodus 3:1-15 p. 46 pew Bible

Romans 12:9-21 p. 276 NT & Psalms

Matthew 16:21-28 p. 33 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon First we listen, then what?

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Prayer of Dedication (*congregation*)

**O God, we offer these gifts to you in hope and
thanksgiving. Use them to transform the world you love
with the mercy and compassion we celebrate in Jesus
Christ, the Saviour. Amen.**

Hymn 677 My faith looks up to thee

**1. My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine:
now hear me when I pray;
take all my guilt away;
oh let me from this day
be wholly thine.**

2. May thy rich grace impart

strength to my fainting heart;
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
oh may my love to thee
pure, warm and changeless be,
a living fire.

3. While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

4. When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold sullen stream
shall o'er me roll,
blest Saviour, then, in love,
fear and distrust remove;
oh bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul.

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