

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 6, 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

Sing to the Lord a new song.

We will worship God, our Maker!

Let us praise God with song and dance,

For God is gracious and loving!

Let us bring God glory and honour,

For God deserves our praise.

Hymn 410 Joyful, joyful we adore you

**1. Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!**

**2. All your works with joy surround you;
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
join to praise you joyfully.**

**3. You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blessed,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
God Creator, Christ our Saviour,
all are yours who live in love.**

**Teach us how to love our neighbour,
Lift us to your joy above.**

**4. Morning stars, awake the chorus,
mortals join in every part,
for what joy is set before us
as Christ's love joins heart to heart!
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.**

Prayer of Praise (*minister*)

Hymn 431 Jesus, where'er Thy people meet

**1. Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
there they behold thy mercy seat;
where'er they seek thee thou art found,
and every place is hallowed ground.**

**2. Here may we prove the power of prayer
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,
to teach our faint desires to rise,
and bring all heaven before our eyes.**

**3. Lord, we are few, but thou art near,
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;
oh rend the heavens, come quickly down
and make a thousand hearts thine own.**

Prayer of Confession (*congregation*)

**God of majesty and mercy, although Christ offers us peace,
we confess we are a people divided, within ourselves and
against each other. We cling to the values and habits of a
broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue harm
creation and the lives of others. The fears and jealousies we
harbour set neighbour against neighbour, and nation against
nation. The freedom and abundance we enjoy belong mostly
to a few, when they are God's gift to all. Have mercy upon
us, O God. Heal us, forgive us, and set us free to serve you in
the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.**

- 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 642 O Master, let me walk with thee

**1. O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.**

**2. Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.**

**3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong,**

**4. in hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 149 p. 591 NT & Psalms

¹Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song.

Sing his praises in the assembly of the faithful.

²**O Israel, rejoice in your Maker.**

O people of Jerusalem, exult in your King.

³Praise his name with dancing,

accompanied by tambourine and harp.

⁴**For the Lord delights in his people;
he crowns the humble with victory.**
⁵Let the faithful rejoice that he honors them.
Let them sing for joy as they lie on their beds.
⁶**Let the praises of God be in their mouths,
and a sharp sword in their hands—**
⁷to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,
⁸**to bind their kings with shackles
and their leaders with iron chains,**
⁹**to execute the judgment written against them.**
This is the glorious privilege of his faithful ones.
Praise the Lord!

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Scripture Lessons

Exodus 12:1-14 p. 53 pew Bible

Romans 13:8-14 p. 277 NT & Psalms

Matthew 18:15-20 p. 36 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon So. How many commandments are there really?

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Prayer of Dedication (*congregation*)

**Gracious God, receive these gifts, offered in a spirit of
generosity and humility. Bless and use them for the
work that you long to do in the world you love for
Jesus' sake. Amen.**

Hymn 444 Sweet is the solemn voice

**1. Sweet is the solemn voice that calls
the Christian to the house of prayer;
I love to stand within its walls,
for you, O Lord, are present there.**

**2. I love to walk within the courts
where two or three for worship meet,
for it is there that Christ resorts
to make their holy bond complete.**

**3. How good to raise our common song!
Joining in holy praise and love,
we imitate the blessed throng,
uniting hearts and songs above.**

**4. Within these walls may peace abound;
may all our hearts in one agree,
and where we meet, where Christ is found,
may peace and concord ever be.**

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