

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 20, 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 the Lord for God is good.

We will call on God's name and make known God's wonderful works.

Seek the Lord continually.

We will watch and listen for signs of God's grace.

Together let us worship God.

We will rejoice in God's presence and praise God's holy name.

Presbyterians Sharing Moment

Hymn 483 Glorious things of thee are spoken

**1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
One whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for a strong abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou mayst smile at all thy foes.**

**2. See the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.**

**3. Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear,**

for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading
light by night and shade by day
daily on the manna feeding
which God gives them when they pray.

4. Saviour, since of Zion's city
we, through grace, a part may claim,
let the world deride or pity,
we will glory in thy name.
Fading is all worldly pleasure,
all its boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.

Prayer of Praise (*minister*)

Hymn 676 Jesus, lover of my soul

1. Jesus, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Savior, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
oh receive my soul at last!

2. Other refuge have I none,
hangs my helpless soul on thee.
Leave, ah! leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed;
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
more than all in thee I find:
raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
heal the sick and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name;

**I am all unrighteousness;
false and full of sin I am,
thou art full of truth and grace.**

**4. Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound;
make and keep me pure within:
thou of life the fountain art,
freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.**

Prayer of Confession (*congregation*)

God, you are the giver of all good gifts, yet we confess that our own generosity is limited. We share what we have, but often reluctantly. We complain about our lot. We compare ourselves to others and see what they have that we lack. We fear running short of things rather than trusting your attention to our needs. Forgive us our worries about tomorrow and give us generous hearts that trust in you.

- 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 367 Jesus, the very thought of thee

**1. Jesus, the very thought of thee
with sweetness fills my breast,
but sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.**

2. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
nor can the memory find
a sweeter sound than thy blest name,
O Saviour dear and kind.

3. O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall how kind thou art,
how good to those who seek!

4. But what to those who find? Ah, this
nor tongue nor pen can show;
the love of Jesus, what it is
none but the loved ones know.

5. Jesus, our only joy be thou,
as thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be thou our glory now
and through eternity.

Responsive Reading Psalm 145:1-8 p. 587 NT & Psalms

¹I will exalt you, my God and King,
and praise your name forever and ever.

**²I will praise you every day;
yes, I will praise you forever.**

³Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise!
No one can measure his greatness.

**⁴Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts;
let them proclaim your power.**

⁵I will meditate on your majestic, glorious splendor
and your wonderful miracles.

**⁶Your awe-inspiring deeds will be on every tongue;
I will proclaim your greatness.**

⁷Everyone will share the story of your wonderful goodness;
they will sing with joy about your righteousness.

**⁸The Lord is merciful and compassionate,
slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.**

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Scripture Lessons

Jonah 3:10-4:11	p. 754 pew Bible
Philippians 1:21-30	p. 341 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon How does that work?

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Prayer of Dedication (*congregation*)

Generous God, you are the source of all good things, of life itself and all that sustains it. Bless the gifts we offer and the gifts of fellow Presbyterians this day. By your Spirit, multiply their impact to support your purposes in the world you love in the name of Christ, our Saviour and Friend. Amen.

Hymn 490 God of grace and God of glory

- 1. God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown the ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**
- 2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us,
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
free our hearts to love and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.**
- 3. Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**
- 4. Set our feet on lofty places;
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christlike graces,**

**pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
that we fail not them nor thee,
that we fail not them nor thee!**

**5. Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.**

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