

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 27, 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

Healing and Reconciliation

Responsive Call to Worship

We come to worship because we love God.

All creation praises God's goodness and love.

We come to worship seeking healing and wholeness.

Through God's son, compassion, love, and grace flow in abundance.

We come to worship, yearning to be transformed:

Guided by the Spirit of God, we work to build a more peaceful and just world.

Let us worship God together!

Hymn 425 We praise you, O God

- 1. We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.**
- 2. We worship you; God ever faithful, we bless you;
through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'take us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, life's battles we win.**
- 3. With voices united our praises we offer,
and gladly our songs of true worship we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing;**

to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

Prayer of Praise (*minister*)

Hymn 208 In the cross of Christ I Glory

- 1. In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.**
- 2. When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me:
lo! it glows with peace and joy.**
- 3. When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more lustre to the day.**
- 4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.**

Prayer of Confession (*congregation*)

All-embracing God, in recalling all that you are and all that you have done, we recall then who we are and what we have done or failed to do. We confess that we have failed to comfort those in pain, ignored the needs of others failed to stand with our neighbours in their struggle for dignity and respect. We confess the sins of your church in running residential schools that separated children from their families. We repent of our past sins and pray for the wisdom to walk in a new way with you and with one another.

- 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 644 May the mind of Christ my Saviour

**1. May the mind of Christ my Saviour
live in me from day to day,
Jesus' love and power controlling
all I do or say.**

**2. May the word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph
only through God's power.**

**3. May the peace of God my Sovereign
rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.**

**4. May the love of Jesus fill me,
as the waters fill the sea;
Christ exalting, self denying,
this is victory.**

**5. May I run the race before me,
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus
as I onward go.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 p. 525 NT & Psalms

¹ O my people, listen to my instructions.

Open your ears to what I am saying,

² for I will speak to you in a parable.

I will teach you hidden lessons from our past—

³ stories we have heard and known,

stories our ancestors handed down to us.

⁴ We will not hide these truths from our children;

we will tell the next generation

about the glorious deeds of the Lord,

about his power and his mighty wonders.

¹² the miracles he did for their ancestors

on the plain of Zoan in the land of Egypt.

¹³ For he divided the sea and led them through,

making the water stand up like walls!

¹⁴ In the daytime he led them by a cloud,

and all night by a pillar of fire.

¹⁵ He split open the rocks in the wilderness

to give them water, as from a gushing spring.

¹⁶ He made streams pour from the rock,

making the waters flow down like a river!

New Living Translation (NLT)

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Scripture Lessons

Exodus 17:1-7

p. 58 pew Bible

Philippians 2:1-13

p. 341 NT & Psalms

Matthew 21:23-32

p. 41 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Which one am I?

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Prayer of Dedication (*congregation*)

Generous God, we have received so much from you in Christ and in creation. Bless the gifts we offer so that they will speak of your love for the world in all its detail and diversity. Amen.

Hymn 357 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

- 1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear;
it soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds
and drives away our fear.**
- 2. It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.**
- 3. Dear name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding place,
my never-failing treasury,
filled with boundless stores of grace.**
- 4. Jesus, my shepherd, guardian, friend,
my prophet, priest and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end:
accept the praise I bring.**
- 5. How weak the effort of my heart,
how cold my warmest thought,
but when I see thee as thou art
I'll praise thee as I ought.**

**6. Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath,
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.**

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