

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost and Communion – October 11, 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 Métis Nations

Responsive Call to Worship

The banqueting table is prepared, and God calls us to the feast.

We have come from east and west, from north and south, to sit at Christ's table.

Here compassion, love, and grace pour out like fine wine.

Here we taste the bread of life, bread for our journey.

There are gifts of God for all the people of God.

Let us taste and see that the Lord is good!

Hymn 803 Come, ye thankful people, come

**1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come, to God's own temple, come:
raise the song of harvest home.**

**2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto God's praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**3. For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offences purge away,
give the angels charge at last**

**in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in God's storehouse evermore.**

**4. Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home:
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin;
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come:
raise the glorious harvest home.**

Prayer of Praise (*minister*)

Hymn 457 Now thank we all our God

**1. Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom God's world rejoices,
who from our mother's arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**2. Oh may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with everjoyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all with grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.**

**3. All praise and thanks to God
who reigns in highest heaven,
the Father and the Son
and Spirit now be given,
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
for thus it was, is now
and shall be evermore.**

Prayer of Confession (*congregation*)

God of all life and each life, you know all about us, our deepest concerns and our fondest hopes. We confess we are often anxious to see results. We lose patience when we cannot see progress. We blame others rather than seek solutions. Forgive us. Help us claim your peace when our hearts are anxious.

- 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 65 p. 511 NT & Psalms

¹ What mighty praise, O God,
belongs to you in Zion.

We will fulfill our vows to you,

² for you answer our prayers.

All of us must come to you.

³ Though we are overwhelmed by our sins,
you forgive them all.

**⁴ What joy for those you choose to bring near,
those who live in your holy courts.**

**What festivities await us
inside your holy Temple.**

⁵ You faithfully answer our prayers with awesome deeds,
O God our savior.

You are the hope of everyone on earth,
even those who sail on distant seas.

⁶ You formed the mountains by your power

and armed yourself with mighty strength.

⁷ You quieted the raging oceans
with their pounding waves
and silenced the shouting of the nations.

**⁸ Those who live at the ends of the earth
stand in awe of your wonders.
From where the sun rises to where it sets,
you inspire shouts of joy.**

⁹ You take care of the earth and water it,
making it rich and fertile.
The river of God has plenty of water;
it provides a bountiful harvest of grain,
for you have ordered it so.

**¹⁰ You drench the plowed ground with rain,
melting the clods and leveling the ridges.
You soften the earth with showers
and bless its abundant crops.**

¹¹ You crown the year with a bountiful harvest;
even the hard pathways overflow with abundance.

**¹² The grasslands of the wilderness become a lush pasture,
and the hillsides blossom with joy.**

**¹³ The meadows are clothed with flocks of sheep,
and the valleys are carpeted with grain.
They all shout and sing for joy!**

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Scripture Lessons:

Deuteronomy 8:7-18 p. 147 pew Bible

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 p. 316 NT & Psalms

Luke 17:11-19 p. 139 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Thankfulness

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Prayer of Dedication (*congregation*)

Generous God, we offer to you part of the abundance your share with us. Bless our gifts and work through them, so that others will know your generosity and be touched by your love through the kindness we can offer in Jesus' name. Amen.

Communion Hymn 537 'Twas on that night

**1. 'Twas on that night when doomed to know
the eager rage of every foe,
that night in which he was betrayed,
the Saviour of the world took bread,**

**2. and after thanks and glory given
to God who rules in earth and heaven,
that symbol of his flesh he broke,
and thus to all his followers spoke:**

**3. "My broken body thus I give
for you, for all; take, eat, and live;
and oft the sacred rite renew
that brings my wondrous love to view."**

**4. Then in his hands the cup he raised,
and God anew he thanked and praised;
the fullness of God's grace he showed
and from his lips salvation flowed.**

**5. "My blood I thus pour forth," he cries,
"to cleanse the soul in sin that lies;
in this the covenant is sealed,
and heaven's eternal grace revealed."**

**6. "With suffering love this cup is given;
let all partake the wine of heaven,
and when you gather, let it pour,
in living memory of this hour."**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

This table is set for all; around it there are no divisions. Just as bread is not made from one grain, but from many, and what we drink is not made from one grape, but from a full harvest, so too, we, who are many, are made one in Christ. This is a sacrament of unity. Come and join with neighbours east and west, north and south, to celebrate Christ's presence with us all.

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 our calling and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, Lord God, Creator and Sustainer of heaven and earth. You spoke, and all things came into being: the sun, moon and stars, the earth, sky and waters, and everything they contain. Your Spirit swept over creation, bringing order out of chaos and life out of the formless void. From the elements of earth, you created humankind in your image. You breathed life into us and called us to love and serve you. But we turned away, seeking to live in our own way. Yet you have never turned from us. Through the law and the prophets, you called us back to you. In the fullness of time, you sent your son, Jesus, born of a mother's flesh, to reveal your grace and love. Again and again, you welcome us back to your side with the open arms of a loving father. Therefore, we praise you, joining 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, offering healing and teaching to all who sought him, he revealed your kingdom at work in your world. Among his friends, on

the night he was betrayed, he took bread, broke it and said, "Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me." After supper, he took a cup and offered it to his friends, saying: "This cup is the new covenant, sealed in my blood, for the forgiveness of sins. Drink from it, all of you." Every time we eat this bread and share this cup in Jesus' name, we recall the mystery of faith:

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

O God, pour out your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup. May they be for us the body and life blood of our Lord Jesus, healing, renewing and making us whole. Unite us in worship and witness with your Church throughout the world so that together we will bring honour and glory to your name through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ. Amen.

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;
now send us out to speak it. We have seen your love;
now send us out to show it. We have been fed by your
love; now send us out to share it. and let all things be
done for your glory. Amen**

Hymn 39 God of mercy, God of grace

**1. God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of your face.
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine;
fill your world with light divine,
and your saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.**

2. Let the people praise you, Lord;

be by all that live adored.
Let the nations shout and sing
glory to their gracious King;
at your feet their tribute pay,
and your holy will obey.

3. Let the people praise you, Lord;
earth shall then its fruits afford.
Unto us your blessing give;
we to you devoted live,
all below and all above,
one in joy and light and love.

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