

15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2020
10:30 a.m.



St. Mark Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

Prelude

"O How I Love Jesus"
(arr. by Bob Walters)

Pianist
TRADITIONAL AMERICAN MELODY

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the seeker find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful be comforted. Here may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation, and the young be inspired, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Greeting One Another

Pastor

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Liturgist

Sing of God's mercy and grace.

Sing of God's strength and might

Praise God with laughter and joy.

Praise God with feasting and dance.

For God protects the lowly

And avenges the misdeeds of the mighty.

God brings forth justice and righteousness,

saving the weak from the cruelty of the powerful.

Sing of God's mercy and grace.

Sing of God's strength and might.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised.

Prayer of Adoration

Liturgist

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Pastor

Gracious and loving God, you lived for us—we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us—we have not forgiven others. You have loved us—we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord.

(In silence confess your personal sins to God.)

Kyrie Eleison

Pastor

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy.
You are the Christ, giver of mercy.
You are the Lord, giver of mercy.**

Declaration of Pardon

Pastor

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

To share your joys and concerns, please contact the church office.

The Offering

A public offering to God is one of the oldest forms of worship. Although we give in varied ways through the week, our participation in the Sunday Offering is a witness to God and to the world of our love and commitment.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology No. 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Pastor

Act of Praise

"Faithfulness"
(Thomas O. Chisholm and Joel Raney)

Soloist – Linda Youmans

Lessons from Scripture

Prayer of Illumination

Liturgist

First Reading: Psalm 103:1-22

Liturgist

- ¹Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
²Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,
³who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
⁴who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
⁵who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
⁶The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.
⁷He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.
⁸The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.
¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
¹²as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
¹³As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.
¹⁴For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.
¹⁵As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field;
¹⁶for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.
¹⁷But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,
¹⁸to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.
¹⁹The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.
²⁰Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!
²¹Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!
²²Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul!

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

Pastor

- ²¹Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants.

²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

This is the Gospel of Christ!

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

"Debts"

Rev. Dr. Randall McGee

Charge and Benediction

Pastor

Postlude

Organist

Assisting in worship today is Allison Curry, liturgist.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13th

Monday	TBA	Zoom Worship Committee Mtg.
Tuesday	6:00	Zoom Re-Gathering Task Force Mtg.
Thursday	6:00	Zoom Yoga Class

Music for this morning's worship is recorded live.
Audio and video production by Gary O'Neal, Bill Grayson, and Jeff Taylor.

