

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 31, 2022**

**Pastor
Director of Christian Education
Director of Music/Organist
Clerk of Session**

**Rev. Kathy Lee-Cornell
Rev. (Dr.) Randall McGee
Mr. Gary O'Neal
Ms. Marilyn Jackson**

Order of Worship

Opening Silent Meditation and Prayer

For all things rising out of the hiddenness of shadows, out of the weight of despair, out of the brokenness of pain, out of the constrictions of compliance, out of the rigidity of stereotypes, out of the prison of prejudice; for all things rising into life, into hope, into healing, into power, into freedom, into justice; we pray, O God, for all things rising. Amen.

– Jan L. Richardson, “Prayer for All Things Rising,”
Sacred Journeys: A Woman’s Book of Daily Prayer

(At this time, please silence your cell phone.)

Prelude “Two Spirituals” Susie Miller
(arr. by Eugene Butler)

Welcome and *Greeting One Another Pastor

Call to Worship (Responsive) Liturgist and Congregation
Surely, God is in this place,
and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.
Surely, the Lord is in this place
receiving our prayers and our songs and our praise.
Surely, God is in this place!
Let us worship God together!

* **Hymn** “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” No. 716

* **Prayer of Adoration** Liturgist

* **Hymn** “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” No. 582

Call to Confession Pastor

Prayer of Confession (Unison) Pastor and Congregation
Surprising Spirit, you alone are the source of all our good. You continually bring forth life, transforming sadness into joy and despair into hope. But we confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts, minds, and strength. We have placed our trust in powers other than You. Forgive us; redeem us; transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us. By Your grace, restore us to the people you created us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

(In silence confess your personal sins to God.)

Kyrie Eleison “Lord, Have Mercy” No. 551

* Invitation to stand

Confirmation of Hunter Swift and Preston Swift

Reaffirmation of Baptism Covenant and Profession of Faith

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers? **I will, with God's help.**

* **Affirmation of Faith** (Unison) Liturgist and Congregation
— *Adapted from the Confirmands and the Apostles' Creed*

I believe in the Triune God — God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord and Savior; 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. I trust in the gracious mercy of God and the forgiveness of our sins. I believe in the catholic Church and devote myself to the fellowship of believers, offered to us through the breaking and sharing of bread that promises to nurture and grow our faith. Amen.

“Laying on of Hands” Prayer

Recognition of Trustee: Sheila Wahl

Question to the Trustee

Do you promise to give the business affairs of this congregation your devoted attention, to encourage generosity and, in all your dealing, work to further our service of Jesus Christ in the world? **I do.**

Question to the Congregation

Do you receive Sheila Wahl as your trustee and do you promise to support her in her work for Saint Mark Presbyterian Church? **We do.**

Commissioning Prayer

Charge & Blessing

Sheila Wahl, you are commissioned to service as trustee for Saint Mark Presbyterian Church. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

May the God of peace make you holy in every way, and keep your whole being, spirit, soul, and body, free from every fault at the coming of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.