



St. Mark Presbyterian Church
8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 18, 2021

Prelude *"Chorale Theme from the Planets"* Debby Heitzke
Gustav Holst

Welcome and Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Joan Watson

*Hymn of Praise *"O God Beyond All Praising"* Congregation
Michael Perry | Gustav Holst

Confession Rob West

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God of all praising, O Savior with grace so amazing, we come to you as those who live too small when the life to which we are called is large. Forgive us for being shepherded by fear, weighed down with ill-fitting armor, burdened by defenses that seldom liberate, much less connect us to others.

Grant us a vision of the world shaped by you and your purposes, not by people and events that have grown larger than life. For we make this our prayer in the name of Christ our Lord. Hear now our silent confessions.

Silent Confession

Sung Petition

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow

Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow

Assurance of Pardon

***Sung Response**

"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 every shall be

World without end. Amen, amen.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Time with Young Disciples

Stephanie Snyder

Anthem

"God of Great and God of Small"

Chancel Choir

Natalie Sleeth

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Selections from 1 Samuel 17

Sermon

The Challenge of Champions

*Hymn of Response

"God of Grace and God of Glory"
Harry Emerson Fosdick | John Hughes

*Affirmation of Faith

from Romans

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Congregational Life

Offering

Call for the Offering

Offertory

"Largo from Senses"
George Frideric Handel

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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.

*Closing Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
Martin Luther

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

"The Blessing"
Chris Brown | Cody Carnes | Kari Jobe | Steven Furtick

Postlude

"Hear Our Praises"
Reuben Morgan

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Serving in Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Dr. Joan Watson, Liturgist: Rob West

Choir Director: Mary Beth Thomas, Organist: Debby Heitzke,
Choir Ensemble, Tech Team