

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* #546

*Benediction

***Postlude** *Postlude on an old Irish church melody*
Charles Villiers Stanford

**Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

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Children and Worship

All children are welcome in worship!

Other options are:

- Nursery available for infants through Kindergarten in the Family Life Center (Room 106).

- Transitional Worship available for Kindergarten–5th grade in the Children's Sanctuary. Children meet following Time with Young Disciples and return in time for the closing hymn.

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Serving in Worship Today

Rev. Elaine Murray

Jay McElhenney, Liturgist

Rev. Elaine Murray, Time with Young Disciples

Kayla Young, Transitional Worship

Alex Gudmundsen, Organist

John Mendoza, Jenny Cashion, Tina Fischer, Musicians

Tech Team, Angel Candelaria, AV Tech Lead



St. Mark Presbyterian Church

9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026

Prelude	<i>Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir</i>	Alex Gudmundsen
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Johann Krebs

Jay McElhenney

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

One: We gather here to speak of who God is faithful and just,
and listen for the kind of world God is bringing to life here in this place.

All: The Spirit has brought us here to dwell in God's compassion, to be immersed in Christ's mercy, and to witness the Mighty One present in our lives.

One: How can we not be in awe of this goodness? God is trustworthy and faithful, upholding us when we fall and lifting us when we are cast down.

All: Here we are to worship and keep company with the living Lord.
Here we learn to live freely and lightly in the name of Christ.
Here we remember who we are and to whom we belong.

*Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

#39

Confession

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we have fooled ourselves into a distorted image of you. We think of ourselves more highly than we ought and are distracted by the draw of many things, instead of the restful, renewing presence of your Spirit.

Remind us again that you are God and we are not. Forgive us for the ways our actions have not aligned with your presence and will in the world. Re-member us together as one body, Your body. Let your faithful name be the source of our delight and affirmation. Through Christ, give our actions staying power that speaks of your faithful love through all generations.

Forgive us as we silently confess our sins and short-comings to you...

(Please take a moment for silent confession.)

Sung Petition

Take, O Take Me as I Am

#698

Assurance of Pardon

*Response

Gloria Patri

#581

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time with Young Disciples

Rev. Elaine Murray

Anthem

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

Cody Carnes | Chandler Moore | Austin Davis

Video Introduction

Song of Preparation

The B-I-B-L-E

Anonymous

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

James 1:22-25

Sermon

The Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness

Rev. Elaine Murray

*Song

Great Are You Lord

Leslie Jordan | David Leonard | Jason Ingram

*Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves

and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers

in the one body of Christ, the church.

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples

to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others

for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven

and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Offering

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Abide with Me!

Henry F. Lyte | William H. Monk

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication