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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. Patrick Dennis

Rob West, Liturgist

Kayla Young, Transitional Worship

Mary Beth Thomas, Chancel Choir Director

Andy Phillips, Pianist

Tonya Beilstein, Jenny Cashion, Tina Fischer, Singers

Tech Team, Angel Candelaria, AV Tech Lead

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The flowers are provided by Steve and Betty Crowell to the glory of God,
and in gratitude to Eric and Tonya Beilstein for their
numerous contributions to St. Mark.

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A PROMISE *in the Making*

**GOD'S PROMISE IS
STILL UNFOLDING.**

AND SO IS OURS.

ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Our Mission

To glorify God, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, provide opportunities for all people to know, love, and follow Jesus Christ.

Our Vision

To be a church where every person is welcomed, every generation grows in faith, every gift is called into service, and our neighbors experience God's love and grace.

Loving Community

Grounded in Faith

Energized by Service

St. Mark Presbyterian Church
16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026

Prelude

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go
Arranged by R. Kevin Boesiger

Andy Phillips

Welcome

Rob West

Introit

You Are Welcome Here

Marty Parks

*Call to Worship

One: There is no hope like you, O God!

All: **Hope for those who cry out from the deserts of their lives.**

One: There is no grace like you, O God!

All: **Grace for those rejected, ignored, and cast aside by the world.**

One: There is no love like you, O God!

All: **Love for those who have known days of trouble and nights of loneliness.**

One: There is no one like you, O God!

All: **And so we lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving!**

*Hymn

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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Confession

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

It is never easy to confess our lives to you, Listener to our words. When we have a chance to speak up for the outsider, we too often join in sending them away into the wilderness of hopelessness. When we could shout good news to a needy world, our voices drop to a whisper. When we could abound in grace, we continue to wallow in wrongdoing.

Forgive us, Hearer of our hearts, and have mercy on us. You lean over to listen to our words, and then cast them into your sea of forgetfulness. You show us your signs of hope, that we might point others to you. You help us when we are weakest and, in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, you save us when we cannot save ourselves.

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

(Please take a moment for silent confession.)

Sung Petition

Come and Fill Our Hearts

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Assurance of Pardon

*Response

Gloria Patri

#581

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time with Young Disciples

Rev. Patrick Dennis

Anthem	Leaning on the Everlasting Arms Elisha A. Hoffman Maureen Howell	
Prayer for Illumination		
Scripture Reading	Genesis 21:8-21	
One: This is the word of the Lord.		
All: Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	Rev. Patrick Dennis	
Seen, Heard, and Sustained by God		
*Song	He Knows My Name Tommy Walker	
*Affirmation of Faith	Psalm 23	
The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.		
Offering		
Call for the Offering		
Offertory	I Need Thee Every Hour Arranged by Benjamin David Knoedler	
*Doxology		
*Prayer of Dedication		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		
*Closing Hymn	O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go	#833
*Benediction		
*Postlude	Leaning on the Everlasting Arms Arranged by Anthony Giamanco	
*Please rise, in body or in spirit.		