

SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 3, 2024 11:00am

Third Sunday in Lent

Pastor Carroll Fitzgerald

PRELUDE

“In the Garden”

Scott

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL

*INTROIT

“Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. Lead the humble and teach them Your way.

People: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths.

Leader: For You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.

People: Your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness for those who keep Your decrees.

All: Let us worship God!

***OPENING PRAYER**

(ALL)

O Holy God of Israel, in Christ You call us to dwell in Your favor; we gather to praise You and worship Your name. You are the rock that keeps us from falling, the redeemer who can save us from sin. You set us upon the sure foundation of Your command-ments; You cleanse us from all unrighteousness through the gift of your Son. Accept our words as we honor Your judgment and be pleased with our worship as we respond to Christ's call. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #648**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Despite all that God has taught us, we still act foolishly; we are still weak. In the cross of Christ, we find forgiveness and grace. We confess our sins, trusting in God's wisdom and strength rather than our own.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(ALL)

Father, Abba, You know without a doubt that we are sinners. It is in our very nature. We consistently disappoint You with our thoughts, deeds, and omissions. We truly are not worthy to be called Your children. But You are a forgiving God. We know this because You have given us Your word, Your teachings. As we come humbly before You now, please forgive us for all our sins. Draw us closer to You and provide us the strength to be more like Jesus. Help us to be Your loving, obedient children. *Moment for silent prayer and reflection*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Our assurance is this: “There is therefore, now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus ... For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do.”

(Romans 8: 1-3) Jesus redeems us of all unworthiness.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (ALL)

Lord, open our ears that we may hear voices of truth You send so clear; and while the message sounds in our ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now, on bended knee, ready we wait Your will to hear, open our ears, illumine us, Spirit Divine! Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20: 1-17
Pages 118-119

CHORAL ANTHEM

“He Chose Calvary”

Livingston

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Luke 13: 6-9
Page 1620

SERMON

“Sometimes We Need a Mulligan”

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

back of hymnal

“The Apostles’ Creed”

***HYMN #479**

“Softly and Tenderly”

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS - #641

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“How Beautiful Are the Feet”

Handel

***DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***CLOSING HYMN #589**

“Here I Am, Lord”

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Amen, Amen”

*** POSTLUDE**

“Postlude in A Minor”

Ashford

*Please stand, if you are able.