

SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 28, 2024 11:00am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Pastor Carroll Fitzgerald

PRELUDE

“I Asked the Lord”

Lange/Duncan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL

*INTROIT

SEE SCREEN

“Because He Lives” (Chorus)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 23

Leader: Friends, we know what God desires of us:

People: That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

Leader: We gather this morning to remind each other about that,

People: To remember that now is always the right time to do these things.

All: So, with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

(ALL)

Ruler of nations, You have dominion over all the earth. We praise Your name and bow down before You. You bring pride to the humble, and cause the boastful to be brought low. The afflicted find hope through Your mercy; the comfortable You

challenge and chasten. As Your wisdom led our fathers and mothers throughout the ages, make us receptive to the testimony of Your love, for we pray in the name of Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

***OPENING HYMN #56**

"To God Be the Glory"

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess to God and to one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(ALL)

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as You have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from You. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in Your love and live out Your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

Moment for silent prayer and reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to us. In baptism God claimed us and joined us to Christ, as branches to a vine. Believe the promise given to us; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Alleluia! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! We give all thanks to God!

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (ALL)

Gracious God, as we turn to Your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

**Jeremiah 18:1-6
Page 1203**

ANTHEM

“Show Them the Way to Jesus”

arr. Bolks

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

**John 15: 1-17
Pages 1676-1677**

SERMON

“Submission to the Pruner's Shears”

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

“The Apostles' Creed”

back of hymnal

***Hymn #508**

“Love Lifted Me”

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**

“Prayer (with Chimes)”

Clarke

***DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***CLOSING HYMN #422-423**

“I Love You with the Love of the Lord/The Bond of
Love”

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Amen, Amen”

*** POSTLUDE**

“All Glory Be to Thee”

Richolson

*Please stand, if you are able.

The flowers on the organ were given by Ann Z. Wenrich in loving
memory of her mother, Mrs. Arthur Zimmerman.

