

# SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 14, 2024 11:00am

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Reverend Carroll Fitzgerald

## PRELUDE

“Here I Am, Lord”

Schutte

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL

### \*INTROIT #179

SEE SCREEN

“Awesome God” (Chorus)

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.

**People: You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.**

Leader: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

**People: Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.**

Leader: Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD’s unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.

**ALL: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous;  
sing, all you who are upright in heart!**

**\*OPENING PRAYER (ALL)**

**O God, we worship and praise you for your gift of redemption. In Christ you chose us before the world was created. You sent him to cleanse us of all our unrighteousness. He sacrificed himself for us that we should be blameless. Your grace surrounds us, and your peace dwells within us. Through Christ, who calls us and names us as your chosen people, we gather to praise you for your glorious grace.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #359**

**"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"**

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

The godliness of Jesus Christ calls us to be holy and blameless. The riches of God's grace promise forgiveness of our trespasses. Let us confess our sins.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)**

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Silent Prayer...a time for personal reflection and confession*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Jesus promises that he will make all things right, so we can proclaim to one another the truth;

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

## **\*THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit, illumine the scriptures we read and the words that we hear, that our minds may be open to receive your Word, our hearts taught to love it, and our wills strengthened to obey it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE**

2 Kings 2: 1-15  
Pages 570-571

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

“The Family of God”  
Provided by Luanne Potter

Wm. J. Gaither, music  
Gloria Gaither, lyrics

## **NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE**

Ephesians 1: 3-6  
Page 1817

## **SERMON**

“Chosen by God”

## **\*PROFESSION OF FAITH**

“The Apostles Creed”

back of hymnal

**\*HYMN #597 Verses 1, 5, 6**

“Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**RESPONSE TO PRAYERS #641**

**PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

Hughes

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #586**

"He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands"

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Amen, Amen”

*Spiritual*, Hairston

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Trumpet Dance”

Harris

\*Please stand, if you are able.