

SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 1, 2024 11:00am

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Carroll Fitzgerald

Labor Day

PRELUDE

“In Christ Alone”

Townsend/Getty

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL

*INTROIT #179

“Awesome God”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our God, in the glory of late summer we come to worship reveling in the beauty of your handiwork.

People: Give us insight this morning into how the work of our hands is part of the work of your hands.

Leader: We join with you in lifting the heavyhearted, comforting the sorrowful, and calming the anxious.

People: Fill us with the joy of service this morning as we praise you in worship.

***OPENING PRAYER**

(ALL)

God of steadfast love, you have written your testimonies upon the hearts of your people; your commandments have guided them throughout the ages. We praise you for Jesus, who makes your will known to us. We sense your Spirit at work in our lives. Throughout all creation, you maintain your presence and give us cause for rejoicing. We acknowledge your marvelous deeds and give you praise.

***OPENING HYMN #63**

vs. 1, 2, 5

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to our loving God who calls us close through our beloved Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(ALL)

We are workers, God, just like you. But we confess that our actions do not always affirm and honor each other. Our work is not always done in a spirit that is pleasing to you. We confess that, on some occasions, we have blindly bought goods made by people who are paid too little or work in unsafe conditions. We admit that we have failed to end an unjust system in which some workers have jobs that provide good wages and benefits while others may have no job, or one that pays little and provides few benefits. Creator God, forgive us. Help us to be your people, working for a world where all workers are valued and appreciated for their labors. Guide us through the Holy Spirit.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our God is a God of grace and transformation. When we ask, God gives us the courage and strength to live out our faith in the workplace and the marketplace, as well as in the sanctuary. God forgives us! God transforms us!

God forgives us! God transforms us! Thanks be to God!

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone. Let the heavenly food of the scripture we are about to hear nourish us today in the ways of eternal life, through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:14-15
Page 1828

SPECIAL MUSIC

Matthew Kineke

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3: 23-24
Page 1835

SERMON

“Labor Day - Why Work?”

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

“The Apostles’ Creed”

back of hymnal

***HYMN #588**

“All For Jesus”

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 OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Special music provided by Matthew Kineke

***DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***HYMN #705**

vs. 1, 3, 4

“It Is Well with My Soul”

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Amen, Amen”

Spiritual, Hairston

***POSTLUDE**

“A Song of Gladness”

Barnett

*Please stand, if you are able.