

SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 15, 2024 11:00am

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Carroll Fitzgerald

PRELUDE

“Andante, 1st Movement from
Voluntary No. 13 in G”

Maurice Green

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

***INTROIT #179**

“Awesome God”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Psalm 19)

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

**People: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise
the simple.**

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the
heart.

**People: The commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes.**

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

**People: The ordinances of the Lord are true and
righteous altogether.**

**All: Let the words of my mouth and the
meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,
O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.**

***OPENING PRAYER (ALL)**

O God of glory, you bless the poor in spirit with the richness of your eternal favor. You choose the meek to inherit the earth. You comfort those who mourn, the hungry and thirsty you satisfy. The pure in heart catch sight of your splendor, and those who make peace you call your own. We join with the merciful, who throughout the ages have lived by your graciousness and worshiped your name.

***OPENING HYMN #295**

"Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

The Lord listens to the cries of the people who turn with full hearts to the One who has mercy. Let our tongues now make confession in the presence of God and of this body.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Holy God, in the face of sin, our gravest enemy, we call to you for help. You know our faults before we speak. Forgive us for what we have done in opposition to your will. Forgive us for those things we have not undertaken and for which we know are wrong. We have not loved you and our neighbors as we ought. We have denied our dependence on you. Lead us away from this grief and sorrow. Save us so that we may fulfill our vows to you and attend to the needs of your people.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The law of the Lord is perfect, and it revives the soul. The decrees of the Lord are sure and make wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart. The commandment of the Lord is clear, and it enlightens the eyes. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ, the living Word, we are forgiven!

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***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (ALL)

You speak to us, Lord, with tongues of wisdom. Let your Holy Spirit now open us to hear with greater clarity the teachings of today, that we may hold dear in yet new ways what it is you will for us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16: 13-28

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SPECIAL MUSIC

“Lord of the Dance”

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8: 27-38

Pages 1556-1567

SERMON

“Take Up Your Cross”

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

back of hymnal

“The Apostles’ Creed”

***HYMN #598**

“Wherever He Leads I’ll Go”

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

“Receipt de Nazard”

Jean-Jacques Beauvarlet-

***DOXOLOGY**

Charpentier

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***HYMN #602**

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Amen, Amen”

Spiritual, Hairston

***POSTLUDE**

“Presto from Sonata in C Minor”

Giovanni Battista
Pescetti

*Please stand, if you are able.

Flowers are given by John and Phyllis Fenwick.