

SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 29, 2024 11:00am

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Carroll Fitzgerald

PRELUDE

“Meditation on ‘Chereponi’ (Jesu, Jesu)”

Blake

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MINUTE FOR MISSION

***RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

***INTROIT #179**

“Awesome God”

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Celtic Daily Prayer)

Leader: Lord, take our lives and fill them with your
praises.

**People: Let us speak words of peace that Jesus brings
in us.**

Leader: Lord, take this place and fill it with your
blessing.

People: Let it be a haven where the poor in spirit sing.

Leader: Lord, take this song and fill it with your
presence.

**People: Take this song and fill it, Lord. Fill it with
yourself.**

All: Let us praise our Lord!

***OPENING PRAYER**

(ALL)

Father God, you alone are worthy of all the glory and thanksgiving. Oh Lord, your overwhelming joy never fails to make all the earth sing for your glory! You are the blessed Lord, never lacking in anything. We pray before you today to ask for guidance and strength to start this worship celebration. We humbly pray that you may grant us your blessing. The treasures of the whole earth are nothing compared to your grace! Have mercy upon us, everlasting Father, and heed our request. In the mightiness of Jesus' name, we offer these prayers and our praise. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #54/55**

"My Tribute/Bless His Holy Name"

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Our sins weigh us down, and we struggle to live in freedom and joy. When we turn and return to the God who loves us, God finds pleasure. We turn now, confessing our sins against God and neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(ALL)

Loving God, turn us away from the death sin inflicts. Lead us into the abundant life Christ brings. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us to forgive, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Though we wander from the truth, God brings us back and saves our souls from death. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Amen! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Praise be to God!**

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (ALL)

Holy Spirit, as your word is read and preached, pass among your gathered people, opening minds to increase understanding, opening hearts to bind us together in your love. In Jesus name we ask it. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 33: 7-11
Page 1221

ANTHEM

“He Cares For Me”

Althouse/Rhodes

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 9: 42-50
Page 1569

SERMON

“To Be a Watchman”

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

“The Apostles' Creed”

back of hymnal

***HYMN #571**

“Trust and Obey”

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

“More Love to Thee”

Hegarty

***DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***HYMN #232**

“God Be With You”

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Amen, Amen”

Spiritual, Hairston

***POSTLUDE**

“A Festive Tune”

Martin

*Please stand, if you are able.