

SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 16, 2025 11:00am

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

PRELUDE

“You Raise Me Up”

Graham/Lovland

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL

*INTROIT #65 Vs. 5

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When we turn our hearts away from God and towards ourselves,

**People: we become like a shrub in the desert,
living in a parched, salty place.**

Leader: When we trust in God, when our trust *is* God, we are like a tree planted by water.

**People: Our roots go deep, we are ever-green;
even in a drought we are not anxious, but
bear fruit, full and beautiful, gifts of the
God who made us.**

**ALL: God is our creator and sustainer. Let us
worship God!**

***OPENING PRAYER**

(ALL)

O God, you are like an ever-flowing stream, watering the earth and refreshing creation. We draw from your Holy Spirit life-giving sustenance. We are cleansed of all sin through Christ our Savior. We receive from your Word wisdom to guide us; we sing praises to you for your life-giving care. Amen.

***HYMN #118**

“His Name Is Wonderful”

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

The prophet Jeremiah says that God tests our minds and searches our hearts, because the condition of mind and heart affects actions. Trusting in God’s mercy, let us invite God to search us, so that God might also lead us in the way everlasting.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(ALL)

God of judgement and renewal, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always loved you and our neighbors as fully as you call us to love. We have failed to be good stewards of the air, the water, the animals, and the plants. We have turned away from you and toward our own self-interest. We have been shortsighted, and we are humbly sorry. Forgive us Lord, and help us turn back to you; to reach toward you as a tree sends its roots out toward water.

Moment for silent prayer and reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Paul writes, “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins ... But, in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead ... so all will be made alive in Christ.” For I assure you, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. So, live in Christ that all may see your good works and glorify God who is in heaven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

(ALL)

O God, whose Word is like water to the root of the tree, let your Word now flow into us that we might flourish – bearing gospel fruit for a hungry world. In the name of Jesus, the Living Word, we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 17: 5-10

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CHORAL ANTHEM

“Are You Ready to Meet Your Lord?”

Price/Besig

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 6: 17-26

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SERMON

“Upside Down and Backwards”

***PROFESSION OF FAITH** hymnal, back cover

***HYMN #605**

“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 OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Take Time to Be Holy”

Smith

***DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***CLOSING HYMN #232**

"God Be With Us"

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

SEE SCREEN

“Go Now in Peace”

***POSTLUDE**

“Go, Ye Blessed”

Nordman

*Please stand, if you are able.