

SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 6, 2025 11:00am

Fifth Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE

“Meditation at the Cross”

arr. Whitworth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

***INTROIT #305 / Refrain**

“Jesus Paid It All”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(From Psalm 26)

Leader: You fill our mouths with laughter, O God; with
our tongues we shout for joy.

People: You have done great things for us, O God;
we come before you with praise on our lips.

ALL: Let us worship God!

***OPENING PRAYER**

(ALL)

**Great God and Deliverer, you make a way in the wilderness
and cause rivers to flow in the desert; we come repeating your
name in glad adoration. You have led your people through
wastelands where wild beasts and jackals even honor your
name. We number ourselves as among those you have chosen.
Hear us as in Christ we come before you, declaring you worthy
of all worship and praise. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN #92**

“O How I Love Jesus”

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

If we ask God to restore us to the way we have been, then we have not asked for as much as God intends to give. God is not content simply to return or restore us to former things. Instead, God seeks to give the gift of resurrection – a new and abundant life. With confidence in God’s generosity, we confess our sins and seek the new life offered in Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(ALL)

O God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ’s name we pray.

Moment for silent prayer and reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The apostle Paul reminds us that we do not make ourselves righteous. Our righteousness comes through faith in Christ, who has made us his own. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. The old life has passed away – and a new life has begun. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (ALL)

Break open the Scripture through the power of your Spirit, O God. Let your word, read and proclaimed, pour out until its fragrance fills the house and our lives. Then, anointed with your Word, send us out to share the good news we have received. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is with us always. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:16-21
Page 1127

ANTHEM

“Feed My Sheep”

Sterling

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 12: 1-8
Pages 1670-1671

SERMON

“Radical Worship”

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

hymnal, back cover

***HYMN #79 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)**

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

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

“In the Garden”

Scott

***DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***CLOSING HYMN #788**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

SEE SCREEN

“Go Now in Peace”

***POSTLUDE**

“The Rock of Salvation”

Ritter