

SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 18, 2021 10:30 am.

Rev. Ken Osborne

PRELUDE

“On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand”

Mason

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

***MEDITATION HYMN #219**

“Surely the Presence (of the Lord is in this Place)”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Whether we are strangers or old friends, God joins us together in this place.

People: **God’s steadfast love is our foundation; God’s faithfulness is with us forever.**

Leader: Whether we are natives or immigrants, God builds us together spiritually.

People: **God’s steadfast love is our foundation; God’s faithfulness is with us forever.**

Leader: Whatever walls we try to build between us, in Christ, God tears them down to build a household for all of God’s people.

People: **God’s steadfast love is our foundation; God’s faithfulness is with us forever.**

***OPENING PRAYER**

When our lives seem to trickle along, You take all our meandering streams, merging them into a graceful river flowing to Your sea of tranquility. When we stand at the rough edge of life, You stroll over to take us by the hand and lead us into the inner circle, dancing with the other sinners and saints. Gather us in, God of all creation. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN - #65**

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

Please be seated.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Do we really want God to dwell within us, or would we rather rent out space for a brief visit?

Our actions, our words, our silence, our fear all show the presence, or absence, of God in our lives. Let us empty ourselves of all that burdens us and welcome the One who lives with us forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(ALL)

Steadfast God, we confess that we are so busy putting up walls between ourselves and others, we cannot see the home You are building for all of us. We spend so much time noting the differences between us and others, while You are embracing everyone as Your child. We run to welcome those who look, talk, and act like us, and You throw open Your doors to the stranger, the alien, in our midst. Forgive us, Faithful God. By Your grace, help us to see the household You are building for

**all people: there are not plastic protectors on the furniture;
there are no rooms that are off limits; and even the smallest
child is welcome to sit at the big peoples' table and be fed by
Your grace.** *Silent prayers of Confession*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Do you remember? At one time we were without Christ; we were the stranger, the outsider, the alien. But now, in Christ, we have been brought home, living in God's household of hope and peace. **God's covenant with us is everlasting; God's steadfast love is forever; God's forgiveness makes us new and whole. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Teresa Pomraning

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23
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SERMON "The Lord is My Shepherd"

***PROFESSION OF FAITH** See back of Hymnal

***HYMN – #694**

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND
THE LORD'S PRAYER**

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS:

HYMN #641

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

**THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY AND DOXOLOGY (#815)**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Teresa Pomraning

OFFERTORY PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN - #690**

“He Leadeth Me”

***COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING**

*** RESPONSE” “Amen...”**

*** POSTLUDE**

“Postlude in F”

Blake

***---Those who are able will please stand-**

