

**JOINT WORSHIP AND PICNIC  
SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SLATEVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**At the Farm**

**June 19, 2022 10:00 am**

**Rev. Ken Osborne**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** With the faithful, as well as the foolish; with the voiceless, and those who talk too much:

**People: we gather to praise God.**

**Leader:** With those who find it easy to follow, with those who stumble along the Way:

**People: we rejoice in Jesus, who makes us whole, and calls us sisters and brothers.**

**Leader:** With all who are heirs to the promises of grace, with all who share hope with others:

**People: we give thanks to the Spirit of peace, who cradles us in the arms of hope.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**(ALL)**

**What have You to do with us, Holy God? When others would push us away, You cradle us in Your heart; when we have lost our direction, You hand us Your map; when others would chain us to fears and prejudices, You rush to rescue us. Amen.**

## **Call to Confession**

With the angry words we use, with the things we do to others, it is as if we are saying to those around us keep away!

**But God is always ready for us to find the grace, the hope, the forgiveness being offered to all people. Let us come, to tell of our lives, trusting the One who comes to be with us and save us.**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)**

**Loving God, we hear the words coming out of our mouths before we are even aware that we are speaking – and they shame others. There are actions, bound up by fear, which push away those around us. We have thoughts which draw us into the shadows, where we seek to hide from You, hoping You do not see the lives we lead. Yet, You refuse to stay away from us, coming closer every moment, O God who makes us whole. You clothe us with grace, so we might be Your people in this world. You tear down all that separates us from others, so we might be one. You make us heirs to the promise of life and hope with Jesus, our Lord, who comes to heal us and make us Your children.**

*Silent Prayers of Confession*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news. God comes, not to torment us, but to release us from all that keeps us from being God's beloved children. We are sisters and brothers of Jesus, who have been blessed, forgiven, transformed.

**Thanks be to God, who reaches out to us and shows us the way out of the shadows, pointing to the path of mercy and hope. We are forgiven! Amen.**

**SERMON “Thirst”**

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

**\*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING**

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

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