

SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 7, 2022 10:30 am

Rev. Ken Osborne

PRELUDE

Special music by Timothy Schafer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

***MEDITATION HYMN – See Screen**

“We Have Come into His House”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We are people who have been called to follow where God leads us.

People: By faith we can obey, even when asked to walk into an unknown future.

Leader: We are people who have been challenged to tell God's story to others.

People: By faith we have the ability to share the good news.

Leader: We are God's children who are invited to feast at the Table of grace.

People: By faith we will embrace our sisters and brothers in Christ.

***OPENING PRAYER (ALL)**

Creator of the light, when our sins stain our lives, You dissolve them with Your mercy. When our spirits become calloused by the hardness of our hearts, Your grace softens them so we can serve others. When we could be relaxing in our achievements, You sit us down next to a child struggling to read. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN - #23**

“The God of Abraham Praise”

Please be seated.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We would like to keep our sins hidden and our failures a secret. But God would not have us keep silent, but speak our confessions out loud, so we may be blessed with God's mercy and grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

You have a vision of all people as Your beloved children, Imaginative God, but we see folks whose language, dress, and skin make them different. You have a vision of a universe filled with goodness and beauty, and we damage it with litter, with violence, with poor choices. You have a vision of a Table where we can feast on Your grace and hope, but we line up at the fast food counters of sin and greed. Forgive us, God of Mercy, as we confess that we are not insiders but immigrants searching for our true home. By faith, may we be willing to be as gracious, as compassionate, and as hopeful as You are. You love us enough to want us to be with You forever,

so we will follow our Lord as He leads us into Your kingdom.

Silent Prayers of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is nothing to fear. God's hope is more tenacious than our despair; God's joy is more resilient than our grief; God's love is more compelling than our hate.

By grace, we are gathered to worship God. By faith, we rest in God's promises of forgiveness and restoration. Thanks be to God! Amen.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Pages 1874-1875

SPECIAL MUSIC

Timothy Schafer

SERMON “Assurance of Things Hoped For”

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

***HYMN – #3**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND
THE LORD’S PRAYER
RESPONSE TO PRAYERS:
HYMN #641**

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

***DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***CLOSING HYMN – #435**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

***COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING**

*** Benediction Response**

“Amen, Amen”

*** POSTLUDE**

“Take the Name of Jesus With You”

Baxter/Doane

*** Those who are able, please stand.**

The flowers on the organ were placed by Mary Gerlach in loving memory of her son, Henry.