

SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 20, 2022 11:00am

Rev. Ken Osborne

PRELUDE

“Give Thanks”

Wagner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL

*MEDITATION HYMN – See Screen

“My Tribute”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God who looks with kindness on us.

People: We are the inheritors of the promises made long ago to our ancestors.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God who gathers us here in this place.

People: From across the street, from halfway around the world, God brings us home to the heart of grace.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God who has remembered us.

People: Scoffers and singers, watchers and wigglers, we are those redeemed by God.

***OPENING PRAYER (ALL)**

Gathering God, when we have only a few pennies of hope in our pockets, You multiply us into a blessing. When the world whispers seductively to us, You tell us of Your joy for us. When everyone has forgotten even who we are, You shout out our name with delight: “My Beloved!”

***OPENING HYMN – #797**

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Please be seated.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We know we have not lived as God hopes.

But, however fragmented we become, God holds us together in grace and peace. Let us come before the One who prepares the way for our words.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

In these moments, Remembering God, we bring to You all the ways we have not lived as Your people: we watch while those in need struggle to survive; we cast our lots with those who worship power and success; we offer insults rather than words of grace to those who care for us; we scoff at Your words which call us to a different lifestyle. Forgive us, God of Mercy, for not knowing what we do to You, to other, to ourselves. Speak to us through Jesus, our King and Savior, who bears words filled with Your tender mercy and gracious hope.

Silent Prayers of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news: God remembers! Not our sins, not our foolish lives, not our rebellion. God remembers us – and redeems us!

God prepares the way for us – the way to grace, to hope, to new life. Joyfully, we offer our thanks to God. Amen.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 46

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ANTHEM “Thank You, Lord”

Wiser/Dunbar

SERMON “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

PROFESSION OF FAITH

See back of Hymnal

***HYMN – #793** “For the Beauty of the Earth”

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

“We Gather Together”

Smith

***DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***CLOSING HYMN – #788**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

***COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Amen, Amen”

*** POSTLUDE**

“The Thankful Heart Rejoices”

Broughton

* Those who are able, please stand.