

# **SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**March 19, 2023 11:00am**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Rev. Ken Osborne**

## **PRELUDE**

**“The Old Rugged Cross”**

arr. Innes

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

### **\*MEDITATION HYMN – See Screen**

**“There Is a Redeemer”**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** Early each morning, God waits to greet us with joy and wonder.

**People:** **We awake to find ourselves enveloped in grace.**

**Leader:** During the day, Jesus comes to invite us to serve.

**People:** **We rise from our work and leisure to bring healing and hope to others.**

**Leader:** In the shadowed evenings of our fears and worries, the Spirit is with us.

**People:** **The Light of life shines on us every moment of every day.**

### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

**One thing we know, Listener of our hearts: You are the One who sends us on journeys and waits for us at the final destination. When we find ourselves in valleys veiled in**

**shadows, You are walking alongside us even though we may never notice. When we are weakened by the burdens of our lives, You come to us, to rest Your strengthening peace upon us. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN – #310**

**“Lead Me to Calvary”**

**Please be seated.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

God longs for us to sit by the still waters of love, but we are too busy stirring up trouble with our actions, with our words, with our inability to be God's children.

**Let us bring our prayers to the One who will restore us with goodness and mercy.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Loving God, we sit in the ashes of our hopes, but You see us as beloved children. We pay strict attention to all who break the rules, but ignore the grace which is poured out upon us. We try to box You in with boundaries we can manage, but You continue to burst forth to bring newness into the world. Have mercy on us, God of forgiveness, and open our eyes to Your presence among us. As You look into our hearts, may we see others in a different way, not as enemies or strangers, but sisters and brothers of the same family, siblings of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

*Silent Prayers of Confession*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The Spirit of the Lord has come upon us, bringing hope, life, and forgiveness for each person.

**Now we will go forth as God's children bringing the good news to everyone we meet. Amen.**

## **\*THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 23

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## **ANTHEM “Let Him In”**

Shuff/Fargason

## **SERMON “Goodness and Mercy”**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

See back of Hymnal

## **\*HYMN – #694**

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

## **SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

## **RESPONSE TO PRAYERS:**

## **HYMN #641**

**PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND  
OFFERINGS  
OFFERTORY**

“I Don’t Know How to Love Him”

Webber/Rice

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN – #Screen**

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

**\*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING**

**\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Amen, Amen”

**\* POSTLUDE**

“March to Calvary”

Stainer

\*Please stand, if you are able.