

SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 19, 2023 11:00am

25th Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Melissa McDade

PRELUDE

“Give Thanks”

arr. Wagner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL

*MEDITATION HYMN #217 (verse 1)

“Holy Ground”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For every breath we take, for every beat of our hearts, for every sensation of our bodies:

People: We give You thanks, O God.

Leader: For the ear that listens, for the hand that caresses, for the arms that reach out in love:

People: We give You thanks, O God.

Leader: For relief from pain, for the tears of shared sorrow, for the laughter of shared joy:

People: We give You thanks, O God.

Leader: For the freedom to choose, for the ability to love, for the power of hope:

People: We give You thanks, O God.

Leader: For the presence you reveal to us, for the courage You offer us, for the rest You assure us will be ours:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

***OPENING HYMN – #90**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Three”

Please be seated.

A LITANY FOR THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

Leader: All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above.

People: So we lift our hearts up to You, God, in praise and thanksgiving.

Leader: As we count our blessings, and acknowledge Your goodness,

People: Our hearts go out to those who do not have, and who are in need.

Leader: We thank You for plentiful harvests and full refrigerators

People: And ask that You supply the needs of those who are hungry.

Leader: We thank You for jobs that provide for our families and supply the needs of our society,

People: And pray that you would care for those who have no work, or the dignity and purpose it brings.

Leader: We thank You for opportunities and choices, for meaning and challenges,

People: And pray that You would give a sense of purpose to those who feel trapped.

Leader: We thank You for family and friends who love us and care for us

People: And pray that You would befriend those who are alone.

Leader: The abundance of the harvest is a symbol of the abundance of Your love in our lives.

People: May we live in a spirit of gratitude to You and generosity to our neighbor.

Leader: Loving God, in this season and all year long, give to us the gift of a thankful heart,

People: So that we may acknowledge You as the giver of all that is good in our lives.

Leader: In the name of Jesus we pray.

People: Amen.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

We wonder what's for lunch, we worry about work tomorrow, we fret about the test that is coming up. So much worry, so much time wasted over things we cannot control. The One who showers earth with rain, who places the stars in the autumn sky, is the same One who wraps mercy tight around you, who feeds us on healing and hope. Let us confess how our worries keep us from trusting the God who hears us and restores us to new life. Please join me as we pray,

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS (ALL)

Because we live in this modern, tech-driven, twittering age, we often forget what You have done for us, God of every blessing. We pat ourselves on the back for our ability to learn new computer skills, but have forgotten that life is more than a machine. We have more than we could ever use yet, like squirrels, store up more and more. Our faith is often pushed to the back of the closet, to make room for all the fears we wear so easily.

Forgive us, Restorer of life. As You clothe us with Your grace and mercy, may we share with those who have so little. As our hearts overflow with Your love and wonder, may we offer them as gifts to everyone we meet. As You feed us with Your joy and hope, may we welcome to the Table all those whose lives are filled with tears and pain. As we gather with family and friends during this season, may we continue to give thanks for the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silent Prayers of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news: as God dresses creation in wonder, so you will be clothed in grace; as God pours out abundance upon the earth, so you will be blessed with peace and joy.

We don't say it often enough, but thanks be to God for healing, for life, for wonder, for mercy. We are blessed, for we are forgiven. Amen.

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4: 4-9

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CHORAL ANTHEM

“God Is Here!”

arr. Drennan

SERMON “Cultivating Gratitude”

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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***HYMN #139**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS - #641

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND

OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“We Gather Together”

Smith

***DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***CLOSING HYMN #169**

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Amen, Amen”

*** POSTLUDE**

“Harvest Praise”

Paxton

*Please stand if you are able.