

SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 10, 2024 11:00am

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Pastor Carroll Fitzgerald

PRELUDE

“Meditation at the Cross”

arr. Whitworth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL

*INTROIT

“Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 8)

Leader: O God, Your name is the most majestic in all the
earth!

People: Your Glory is set in the heavens.

Leader: I look at Your creation – the moon, the stars,
and everything else in this world, and see the
wonder of Your love.

**People: Your loving embrace of all humankind is
beyond our imagination and understanding.**

Leader: We bow before You in adoration.

People: Show us Your steadfast love.

ALL: Let us all praise and worship our loving God.

***OPENING PRAYER**

(ALL)

God of infinite good and mercy, we cannot escape Your presence. Your promise remains with us in every situation. When we are desolate, Your Spirit comes to comfort us. Amid our tribulation, Your Chosen One remains our firm hope. We can sing Your song in whatever land we find our abode. We shall forever give thanks for the gift of Your grace. You are God who never forsakes us. To You be glory and praise now and forever. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #139**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just. He will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (I John 1:8,9) In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(ALL)

Father, we confess we have sinned against You and that we are sinners. We have followed our own ways and failed to give You the right to rule in, and over, our lives. Forgive us for all of our sins, not because of our good works, or what we will do, but because of what Jesus Christ has already done for us at the Cross. In Jesus name we pray this.

Moment for silent prayer and reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. The God of mercy forgives us all our sins, strengthens us in all goodness; and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, keeps us in eternal life.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (ALL)

God, source of all light, by Your Word You give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Psalm 22: 1-5
Page 860

ANTHEM

“Wash Their Feet”

Chopin

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Mark 15: 33-34
Page 1583

SERMON

“Our Lord, Forsaken”

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

“The Apostles' Creed”

back of hymnal

***HYMN #320**

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

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 OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Karvonen

***DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***CLOSING HYMN #186**

“Lord, Be Glorified”

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Amen, Amen”

*** POSTLUDE**

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Peterson

*Please stand, if you are able.