

SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 17, 2024 11:00am

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Pastor Carroll Fitzgerald

PRELUDE

“The Old Rugged Cross”

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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** (Psalm 130)

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to You, LORD; Lord,
hear our voices.

People: Let Your ears be attentive to our cry for
mercy.

Leader: If You, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who
could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness, so that we
can, with reverence, serve You.

Leader: We wait for the LORD, our whole being waits,
and in His word we put our hope.

People: We wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Leader: People of God, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption.

People: He himself has redeemed us from all our sins.

All: Come. Let us worship the Lord.

***OPENING PRAYER (ALL)**

O God, who fashioned the covenant and sealed it with the promise of life everlasting, we praise You for mercies that are boundless and sure. Your ways are just, Your grace is unending. You have sent us the Christ in whom lies Your promise that all things will be made new. We come before Your throne of grace with the assurance that You will meet us as we call on Your name. Hear us now as we come before You, and be pleased with our efforts, as we respond to Christ's call. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #118**

"His Name Is Wonderful"

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Let us pray for the cleansing of our hearts, confessing our sins to the One whose mercy is everlasting.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

O God of forgiveness, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways. We hear of your promise amid our own sense of self-doubt. Hope is proclaimed, yet we seek guarantees. Christ calls us to obedience, but we set conditions. When called on to follow, we ask to what end. We applaud commitment, but we treasure our comfort. Forgive our reluctance to walk in newness of life.

Moment for silent prayer and reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Sisters and brothers, by the faith of Christ, your sins are forgiven. May you delight in the joy of your salvation.

People: We have forgiveness through the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ! Thanks be to God!

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (ALL)

Your Word, O God, has power to change our lives and to create a whole new world. As we meditate on Your Word this day, fill us with Your Holy Spirit, that we may treasure Your word with our whole hearts and fix our eyes on You. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 37: 1-14
Pages 1345-1346

ANTHEM

“Feed My Sheep”

arr. Sterling

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

John 11: 1-45
Pages 1668-1670

SERMON

“The Seventh Sign”

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

“The Apostles’ Creed”

back of hymnal

***HYMN #302P**

“I Danced in the Morning”

Insert & Screen

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

“Adagio (Sadness of Soul)”

Mendelssohn

***DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***CLOSING HYMN #328**

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**
***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**
“Amen, Amen”

*** POSTLUDE**
“Processional to Calvary”
*Please stand, if you are able.

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