

# **SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**March 31, 2024 11:00am**

**The Day of Resurrection**

**Pastor Carroll Fitzgerald**

## **PRELUDE**

“Fantasia for Easter Morning”

arr. Whitworth

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & MOMENT FOR MISSION**

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

**\*INTROIT Choir & Congregation**

**SEE SCREEN**

“An Easter Introit”

Paige

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

Leader: Brothers and Sisters, behold the victory of our God. Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave. Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**All: Jesus Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

**(ALL)**

**O God, who was, is and evermore shall be; to You belong all praise and glory. Angels in heaven announce the dawn of Your eternal order; trumpets herald Christ’s victory as the stone is rolled away; our mouths are opened to proclaim Your mercies. We lift up our hearts to You, our Judge and Redeemer. Amen.**

## **\*OPENING HYMN #45**

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

**Please be seated.**

## **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

God has opened to us the gates of righteousness that we may enter through them. Confident in God’s love, let us confess our sins.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**(ALL)**

**Heavenly Father, we confess that we come to this day of resurrection as imperfect people. Although we may have faith, we also carry doubts and apprehensions. Just as Jesus’s disciples were unsure of His presence with them, we are unsure of Your presence with us. We go out into a world of demands without the full confidence that You are our guide and our sustainer, and we are too often motivated by our own shortcomings and anxieties than by Your grace and love. Forgive us and help us to see Your Holy Spirit’s work in all things. We pray these things in the name of Jesus, who returned to His disciples despite their own faults, and we ask that You hear us as we continue our confession in silence...**

*Moment for silent prayer and reflection*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Leader:** God, who raised Jesus from the dead, has not given us over to death. He provided for our everlasting life in Him.

**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)**

**Almighty God, through Your only Son You overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of Your Spirit, that we may hear Your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures and proclamation of Your word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE** Psalm 118 1-4, 14-24  
Page 956

#### **ANTHEM**

**"He Is Risen!"** Price/Besig

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE** Matthew 28:1-15  
Pages 1549-1550

**\*PROFESSION OF FAITH** back of hymnal  
**"The Apostles' Creed"**

**\*Hymn #360**  
**"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"**

**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**

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"

Handel

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #450**

"Lift High the Cross"

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

"Amen, Amen"

**\* POSTLUDE**

"Risen to Victory"

Birchwood

\*Please stand, if you are able.

