

**SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**October 13, 2024 11:00am**

**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

**Rev. Carroll Fitzgerald**

**PRELUDE**

“Tell Me the Old, Old Story”

Hughes

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

**\*INTROIT #179**

“Awesome God”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Celtic Daily Prayer)

Leader: The work of the creator is visible.

**People: Let us respond with praise.**

Leader: The example of Jesus is apparent.

**People: Let us respond with obedience.**

Leader: The wind of the Spirit is blowing.

**People: Let us respond with joy.**

Leader: The word of God is calling.

**All: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**(ALL)**

**Eternal God, you have been our resting place through the ages.**

**Generations come and pass away, but you abide forever. We**

**praise you for your presence among us. You bring us comfort**

**amid our trials, clarity where confusion persists, peace in the**

**midst of conflict, and hope of eternal life.**

*Continued*

**Hear us now as we pay you our tribute, in glad adoration that you are God of our lives.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #225**

**“Come, Christians Join To Sing”**

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

God is not far from us. When trouble is near, God is our help and our refuge. Let us confess our sins to God, that we might receive mercy.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**(ALL)**

**O God, we come before you thankful for Your son, Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for our sins. We also stand before you knowing that we are not worthy of that sacrifice. All too often we slip and follow the ways of the world. We acknowledge that we are weak. We are tempted. We continually disappoint you with our sin. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to be witnesses to your goodness and mercy to everyone around us.**

*Moment for silent prayer and reflection*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. By the salvation of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness; and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life.

**Amen! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Praise be to God!**

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (ALL)**

**O God, you provide us your word so that we may fully understand your power, your plan, and your love for us. Open our minds and our hearts to the full understanding of what you have provided in your scriptures. Amen.**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Psalm 139: 1-6

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### **ANTHEM**

**“This Is the Day That the Lord Hath Made”**

Peterson

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Hebrews 4: 12-16

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### **SERMON “Jesus Understands”**

### **\*HYMN #564**

**“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”**

### **SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **RESPONSE TO PRAYERS #641**

**“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”**

**PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**  
**OFFERTORY**

“Peace in the Valley”

Dorsey

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN #630**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Go Now in Peace”

Besig/Besig-Price

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.**  
**God will go with you each hour of every day.**  
**God will be there watching from above.**  
**Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**  
**Amen, amen, amen.**

**\* POSTLUDE**

“The Call to Victory”

Paxton

\*Please stand, if you are able.