SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
August 31, 2025 11:00am
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE
"Higher Ground" Glyncannon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

INTROIT #9 SEE SCREEN
"Glorify Thy Name"

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 150
Leader: You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.
People: You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.
Leader: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
People: Before a word is on my tongue; you, LORD, know it completely.
Leader: You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.
People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.
All: Let us worship the Lord.

***OPENING PRAYER (ALL)**

Holy God, you alone are worthy of honor and praise. Open our eyes to see the world as you see it. Give us the wisdom to witness your presence in all people. Transform us in love, grow us in our faith, call us to love with a full heart and to share your promises with all people. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #391**

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

God invites us to mutual love. But to find that mutuality, we must release our need for honor, our desire for privilege. In humility let us seek forgiveness, trusting on the promises of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Lord God, you have shown us such love, and stretched out your arms to draw us into your embrace. Yet we so often fail to show that love within our lives or recognize its source. Forgive our short-sightedness, for the times we've failed to see your love in the generosity of a friend or a stranger, the shoulder to cry on, the willing ear to listen, a word of encouragement, holding our hand that extra mile. Forgive us for failing to notice how much you care for us. Please continue to remind us of your love for all of us.

Moment for silent prayer and reflection.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! All praise be to God!

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (ALL)
Father, as we prepare to hear your scriptures read and your word proclaimed, open our ears and hearts to hear and understand what you reveal to us. Silence all of the inner voices and thoughts that would distract us. Draw us closer to you and fill us with your Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Samuel 3: 1-10
Page 423

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 19: 11-27
Page 1631

SERMON
"Your Servant is Listening"

***PROFESSION OF FAITH** hymnal, back cover

***HYMN #589**
"Here I Am Lord"

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
"Beautiful Garden of Prayer" Hegarty

***DOXOLOGY**
***OFFERING PRAYER**

***CLOSING HYMN #598**
"Wherever He Leads I'll Go"

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** **SEE SCREEN**
"Go Now in Peace"

***POSTLUDE**
"Sortie in D" Salomé

*Please stand if you are able.