SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
September 21, 2025 11:00am
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE
"The Ash Grove" Kendall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

INTROIT **SEE SCREEN**
"Holy Ground"

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Adapted from Psalm 72
Leader: Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel,
People: who alone does marvelous deeds.
Leader: All nations will be blessed through him,
People: and they will call him blessed.
Leader: Praise be to his glorious name forever.
People: May the whole earth be filled with his glory.
ALL: Let us all praise and worship our loving God.

***OPENING PRAYER** **(ALL)**
Giver of every good and perfect gift, your steadfast love endures forever. You redeem the nations from distress and trouble. You gather your people from the corners of the earth. We enter your courts singing thanksgiving for the bountiful mercies you lavish upon us. Hear our glad praises and be pleased with our worship, for you are worthy of all honor. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #92**

"O How I Love Jesus"

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But, if we confess our sin, God who is faithful, washes us clean. With one heart and voice, let us pray.

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

Rejoice and be glad! Our God is full of mercy, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Dare to believe in the gift of a new beginning and be at peace.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! All 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. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, open our minds and our hearts to the full understanding of what you have provided in your scriptures and your word for us today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Leviticus 19: 17-18
Page 185

ANTHEM

"Alleluia, Allelu!" Wagner

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 13: 31-35
Pages 1674-1675

SERMON

"The Gospel In One Word is Love"

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

HYMN #415

"We Are Called to Be God's People"

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
"I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger" Hughes
***DOXOLOGY**
***OFFERING PRAYER**

***CLOSING HYMN #597 (vs. 1,5,6)**
"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

***POSTLUDE**
"Honor and Majesty" Broughton

*Please stand if you are able.

The flowers on the organ are given by Patti Gibney.