SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
September 7, 2025 11:00am
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE
"Change My Heart, O God" arr. Wagner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

INTROIT **SEE SCREEN**
"Holy Ground"

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 150
Leader: Praise the LORD. Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens.
People: Praise Him for His acts of power; praise Him for His surpassing greatness.
Leader: Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise Him with the harp and lyre,
People: Praise Him with timbrel and dancing, praise Him with the strings and pipe,
Leader: Praise Him with the clash of cymbals, praise Him with resounding cymbals.
People: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
All: Let us all worship and praise the Lord.

***OPENING PRAYER (ALL)**

Gracious God, when our spirits lift at the beauty of the day, you are Lord; and when chaos threatens to overwhelm and we dread the next news cycle – still, you are Lord. Always you are creating, redeeming, sustaining. Speak then your mercy into this place until we discover the courage to open our eyes, unclench our hands, and move toward our neighbor in need, until all the world rises and moves with the rhythm of your grace, for we long to honor and praise the name of Jesus, by whose name we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #139**

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

In penitence and in faith, let us confess our sin to the One who waits to pour out mercy upon us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Lord God, you have given us stories to tell. Stories that illuminate your love for us. Sadly, we don't tell those stories as often as we should. We are, all too often, sad examples of what it means to be a Christian. Forgive us Lord and revive in us the fire that shows the world what a truly wonderful God you are. Strengthen us so that we may follow the example that Jesus set for us and proclaim your glory. Help us to daily show your love, the hope we find in you, and your power to the rest of the world.

Moment for silent prayer and reflection.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Brothers and sisters, Jesus, the Son of God, loves us so much that he became one of us. He sacrificed himself so that we can be reconciled to God. Know that, because of him, we are now forgiven and are children of God!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! All praise be to God!

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (ALL)
O Lord, Your words are precious to us. They have been handed down through the generations as a reminder of Your love for us and to provide insight into Who You are. Please still our hearts and mind as we listen for Your message for us today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 4: 5-9, Page 279

ANTHEM
"Be Still" Beebe

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 8: 1-4, Page 1507
Mark 1: 40-45, Page 1553

SERMON
"What's Your Story?"

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

***HYMN #444 (vs. 1,2,4)**
"I Love to Tell the Story"

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
"Sweet Hour of Prayer" Harris
***DOXOLOGY**
***OFFERING PRAYER**

***CLOSING HYMN #572**
"Blessed Assurance"

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

***POSTLUDE**
"Sing to the Lord a Song of Rejoicing" Smith

*Please stand if you are able.