SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
October 19, 2025 11:00am
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE
"Open Our Eyes" Cull

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

INTROIT **SEE SCREEN**
"Holy Ground"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Leader: No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart.
People: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.
Leader: No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the church, we do not lose heart:
People: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.
Leader: No matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice, we do not lose heart:
People: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will forgive and restore my people, when I will equip them for every good work; and when I will grant justice, for I hear their cries day and night.
All: Let us worship the Lord!

***OPENING PRAYER (ALL)**

God of all generations, how glorious is your name. You speak and worlds are created; you establish the boundaries of the seas and the land. Your countenance illumines the heavens above us. Your righteousness is known throughout all the earth. We live by your mercy and depend on your blessings; we give you all praise. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #90**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

In spite of our best efforts to live faithfully, we fall short of what God intends for us. Because God has already promised to be merciful, we dare to tell the truth about our lives. In humility and trust, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

God of grace, for our failure to love others as you have loved us, <u>forgive us</u>. For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods, <u>forgive us</u>. For losing heart and abandoning hope, <u>forgive us</u>. For all the ways we turn from you, <u>forgive us</u>.

Moment for silent prayer and reflection.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Grace flows like a river; mercy like a never-ending stream.
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! All praise be to God!

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (ALL)
O God, speak to us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, and equip us to be messengers of your life-altering, world-changing, blessing-filled Word. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 5: 1-7
Pages 845-846

ANTHEM
"Lord, Speak to Me" arr. Wetherill

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 18: 1-8
Page 1628

SERMON
"Vindicate Me!"

***HYMN #564**
"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

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
"Grant Us Thy Peace" Mozart
***DOXOLOGY**
***OFFERING PRAYER**

***CLOSING HYMN #406**
"Wonderful Words of Life"

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

***POSTLUDE**
"A Festive Trumpet Tune" Martin

*Please stand if you are able.