SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
October 5, 2025 11:00am
World Communion Sunday

PRELUDE
"It Is Well With My Soul" Thygerson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

***INTROIT** **SEE SCREEN**
"Holy Ground"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Leader: Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.
People: We gather with them in heart and mind.
Leader: Around the world the broken body is made whole.
People: As part of that body we join in its unity.
Leader: Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.
People: We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.
Leader: Let us worship together, let us share God's bounty.
All: Let us pray…

***OPENING PRAYER (ALL)**

Holy God, we celebrate today, grateful for the opportunity we have to worship you in word, in song, and through connection at the Table. What a gift it is to gather with others, to offer our praise and to receive the gifts of bread and cup which bind us together to you and to your beloved Son, whom we claim as Jesus, the Christ. In this time of worship, fill us with joy as we offer you the best we have: our love, our time, our talents and our finances. May we tap into our "little child" identity, so our enthusiasm bubbles over as we worship. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #790**

"We Gather Together"

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

We have an advocate on high: Jesus Christ, who stooped down to save us from our sin; but rose in honor and glory to reign forever. Therefore, let us seek God's grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Jesus prayed that we might be one. One in spirit. One in mission. In union and communion with each other and with him. Today, God, we confess our fumblings and failures in accomplishing unity, as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task. Forgive us for these failures, O Lord. On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere. Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere. We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all!

Moment for silent prayer and reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows. Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows. And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows. Friends, we have been called and claimed by the God of all things, and by the abundance of God's grace, and by the power of God's love, our sins have been forgiven.

In Christ we find salvation and forgiveness. Thanks be to God!

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS
PASTORAL PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER
RESPONSE TO PRAYERS #641

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" arr. Young

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (ALL)

Almighty God, give us ears to hear your story in these words of Scripture; give us eyes to see your story in the faces of those that surround us; and give us faith enough, that by your grace, we might serve you until the end of our days. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 26: 1-12, Page 864

ANTHEM

"We Come Together Here" Williams/Stevens

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 26: 17-30, Pages 1543-1544

SERMON "Jesus' Meal – Freely Given
World Communion Sunday"

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (ALL)

God of second helpings, you promise abundance. Like a mother who heaps another spoonful onto our already full plates, you give more than we need. No matter what each table around the world looks like, the food that is served, or the people gathered around it, your Spirit meets us still. For your ever-present Spirit, O God, we give you thanks.

Yet, despite your generosity, there are those whose bellies are still empty, and those whose thirst is never quenched. As we celebrate your joyful feast today with our siblings in Christ around the world, we are aware that no amount of singing can hide the sound of grumbling stomachs and parched throats. Help us to trust in your promises. As we eat this bread and drink this cup, may we trust that there is enough to go around.

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Keep us from hoarding what you have provided so that all of your children might taste and see, drink and be satisfied. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE SHARING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER THE LORD'S SUPPER (ALL)
Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for the whole communion of saints' witness to this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #586**
"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

***POSTLUDE**
"Sing Praise to God" Smith

*Please stand, if you are able.