SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
April 5, 2026 11:00am
Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of Our Lord

PRELUDE
"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" arr. Smith/Hustad
Piano-organ duet by Joyce Myers and Barbara Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

INTROIT SEE SCREEN
"He Lives" (Refrain)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Leader: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God; Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.
People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Leader: Sin and death shall reign no more.
People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Leader: Let this place resound with joy.
All: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

***OPENING PRAYER (ALL)**

Almighty God, by the resurrection of Jesus, the Christ, you broke the power of death and opened the way to eternal life. We give thanks and praise you! As the empty tomb stands witness to his triumph over death, make your church to be a bold testimony to his enduring victory in life, that all we do may proclaim to the world, "He is risen, indeed!" Through Jesus, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #368**

"He Lives"

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. Trusting in the Spirit of God, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit we have been baptized to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence. Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts, keep our minds on your reconciling love. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression. Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation; through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Moment for silent prayer and reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Listen, church: God, who raised Jesus from the dead, has not given us over to death. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (ALL)

Almighty God, by the power of your Spirit roll away the stone and reveal to us the Word of Life. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24: 1-9
Page 1642

ANTHEM
"An Easter Celebration" Angerman/Paige

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 19: 25-20:7
Pages 1684-1686

SERMON
"Empty Promises"

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

***HYMN #624**
"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

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
"Christ Arose!" Lowry
Piano-organ duet by Joyce Myers and Barbara Johnson
***DOXOLOGY**
OFFERING PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN 367**

“ Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** **SEE SCREEN**

***POSTLUDE**

“Risen to Victory” Birchwood

*Please stand if you are able.