SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
May 3, 2026 11:00am
Fifth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE
"On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand" Mason

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

INTROIT **SEE SCREEN**
"He Lives" (Refrain)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Leader: I say to the Lord. "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."
People: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
Leader: Therefore, my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.
People: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy.
All: Let us worship God!

***OPENING PRAYER (ALL)**

Source of our refuge and strength, as we enter your sanctuary you guide the way our footsteps should go. You protect us from paths that often imperil us; you shield us from situations we should not pursue. As we pause to ponder your bountiful goodness, may your comforting presence precede us this day. Hear our words of praise and thanksgiving as we respond to your counsel and care. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #401**

"The Church's One Foundation"

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Whoever believes in Christ will not be put to shame. Confident in this promise, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin, but we confess that we have not obeyed your word. We have harbored malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitment; through gossip we have slandered our friends. Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance. Help your children long for your pure, spiritual milk that we may grow into the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Moment for silent prayer and reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (ALL)

Lord, as we listen to your holy Word, open our hearts to the power of your Spirit, call us out of darkness, and lead us into your marvelous light. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16
Pages 867-868

ANTHEM

"Joy Returns in the Morning" Snowdon

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 2: 2-10
Page 1888

SERMON

"Living Stones"

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

***HYMN #435**
"God of Grace and God of Glory"

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
"Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer" Diane
***DOXOLOGY**
OFFERING PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN #429**
"They'll Know We Are Christians"

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

***POSTLUDE**
"The Clarion Call" Smith

*Please stand if you are able.