SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
September 27, 2026 11:00am
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE
"Because He Lives" Gaither

ANNOUNCEMENTS Liturgist, Marian Koegel
Moment for Mission, Jeff Potter

***RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

INTROIT **SEE SCREEN**
"This Is the Day"

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 78

Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
People: We will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord and the wonders that God has done.
Leader: How in the daytime the Lord led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light.
People: He split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.
Leader: Let us drink deeply of the Lord's goodness as we come into God's courts with praise!
All: Let us all worship God!

***OPENING PRAYER (ALL)**

O God, your grandeur towers above the highest peaks; your strength can make them tremble and fall. Your love is deeper than the valleys of the oceans, and encompassing as the water that covers the earth. In Christ Jesus you call us your children and through him your word is forever made known. Be with us now as in Christ's name we gather. Accept our praises as we confess him Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #210 (vs. 1,3,4)**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

The Lord spoke through Ezekiel, saying, "Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit." Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Righteous God, we confess that we have not lived as your obedient children. We have honored you with our words, but we have denied you with our actions. We have not pursued the mind of Christ, who took the form of a servant, for we have acted with selfish ambition. We have put our interests before the interests of others and have not regarded them in humility. Forgive us our arrogance, awaken our hearts to sincere repentance, and enable us to will and to work for your good pleasure, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Moment for silent prayer and reflection.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Brothers and sisters, God offers forgiveness of our sin and abundant life to those who repent. Turn, then, and live in Christ, our Lord.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia and Amen!

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (ALL)
Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit give us the words of life, that we may understand your way and follow your truth, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Exodus 17: 1-7
Page 114

ANTHEM
"A Covenant Prayer" Pote

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE
Matthew 21: 23-32
Page 1532

SERMON
"What Kind of Sinner Are You?"

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

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

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
"More Love to Thee" Hegarty
***DOXOLOGY**
OFFERING PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN #772 (vs. 1,3,4)**
"When We All Get to Heaven"

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE SEE SCREEN**

***POSTLUDE**
"Postlude in C" Blake

*Please stand, if you are able.