SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
October 25, 2026 11:00am
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Elder Sally Holmes

PRELUDE
"How Great Thou Art *with* How Great Is Our God"
arr. Page

ANNOUNCEMENTS Liturgist, Marian Koegel

***RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Leader: Awake and praise God's holy name! Today is the day God has made.
People: Sing to God a new song and praise God's holy name.
Leader: We come with our songs of praise to our faithful God.
People: Where two or three are gathered in God's name, God is here among us. Praise be to God!

***OPENING PRAYER (ALL)**

Spirit of mercy, we come to your fountains of forgiveness to begin again. You offer a fresh drink, a new life. Though we are often critical of others and of ourselves, help us to accept that we are accepted. Meet us here in ways that we can understand, that we may be filled with the life that only you can offer. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #8**

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Our God has loved us ---when we have not loved ourselves or one another. He has pity on us and forgives us. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

God of life, You are the source of all love and the satisfaction of all our desires. We confess that our understanding of you is small, our desire to do Your will is weak, and the seed You have planted has yet to bear fruit. We confess that we still complain too much, forgetting Your grace and generosity. Forgive us for all our failings and grow faith within us, that we may bear fruit for You. Amen.

Moment for silent prayer and reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Friends of Jesus Christ, hear these words of our Savior, which are strong and true: "I have come that you may have life in all its fullness. Go in peace; your sins are forgiven."
May we live as forgiven people, visibly different, gloriously free! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen!

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION **(ALL)**
Lord, in the dry lands of our daily lives we come, thirsty for Your grace, to drink from the springs of Your Word. Fill us with wisdom, compassion and trust. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 6: 1-8
Page 284

ANTHEM
"Sanctuary" arr. Larson

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Romans 8: 35-39
Page 1758

SERMON
"Family Ties"

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

***HYMN #33**
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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
"Peace In the Valley" Dorsey
***DOXOLOGY**
OFFERING PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN #444**
"I Love to Tell the Story"

***CHARGE AND BLESSING** Numbers 6: 24-26 **(ALL)**
The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE SEE SCREEN**

***POSTLUDE**
"Praise Everlasting" Paxton