SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
October 4, 2026 11:00am
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE
"At Calvary" D.B. Towner, arr. Ted Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS Liturgist: Steve Hess
Minute for Mission: Ron Sturdivant

***RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God!
People: The skies proclaim God's handiwork.
Leader: The day pronounces God's glory without a sound.
People: The night expounds God's knowledge without a word,
Leader: and yet their voice goes out through all the earth.
ALL: Let us join our voices with the voice of creation in declaring God's glory!

***OPENING PRAYER (ALL)**

O God, as we look at the heavens, the stars shine forth to herald your presence. The sun exudes the warmth of your love. The vastness reminds us we cannot escape from your presence. You are above and beyond us, yet you choose to dwell with us. In Christ you promise you'll be with us throughout whatever befalls us. You will strengthen us in whatever needs we may have. As your voice goes out through all the earth and your words to the ends of the world, may our voices resound now as we give you all thanks and praise. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #389**

"Spirit of the Living God"

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Let us boldly confess our sin before the One who already knows our errors and is gracious to forgive our hidden faults.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill. You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines, and kept watch over us by night and day. But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected or desired. We are overgrown with sin, choked with violence and injustice. Forgive us, we pray. Uproot our evil, prune away our sin, and shower upon us the gift of your grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(Moment for silent prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Our salvation does not depend on anything we have done, but comes from the grace of God alone, through faith in Jesus Christ. This is the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Alleluia! 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
"Give Thanks" Henry Smith, arr. Cindy Berry
***DOXOLOGY**
OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (ALL)
God of all wisdom, give us your Word and send us your Spirit so that we may know Christ Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING
Matthew 10: 27-31
Pages 1511-1512

SPECIAL MUSIC
"Let Us Break Bread Together"

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

I Samuel 17: 1-50
Pages 445-448

SERMON

"The Cheese"

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

"Break Thou the Bread of Life" W. F. Sherwin.
Arr. Clarence Kohlman

"Communion Medley" arr. Carol Tornquist

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O Lord our God, you are great indeed, clothed in majesty and splendor, wrapped in light as with a robe. In the solitude of a mountain height you revealed your glory in Jesus Christ even as he faced his crucifixion. We praise you for this glimpse of the mystery of our redemption. You loved the world so much that you sent your beloved Son to dwell with us. He who bears your very image, the firstborn of all creation, through whom all things have been created, took our flesh and suffered death that we may be made whole. By his death he conquered death, and by his rising he gives eternal life. We praise you for your saving grace. Transfigure us by your Spirit, and let your love shine in all we do and say that all the world may see the radiant light of God guiding all creation, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE SHARING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER THE LORD'S SUPPER
We give you thanks, eternal God, that you have fed us in this sacrament. Fill us with a vision of your new creation where all may have life abundantly; through Jesus Christ, the bread of life. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #746 (vs. 1,2,5)**
"He Keeps Me Singing"

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE SEE SCREEN**

***POSTLUDE**
"I Will Arrive and Go to Jesus" Anonymous
Walker's Southern Harmony 1835, arr. Potter

*Please stand if you are able.