SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
November 8, 2026 11:00am
24th Sunday after Pentecost
Veteran's Day Weekend

PRELUDE
"Albumleaf (Für Elise)" Beethoven

ANNOUNCEMENTS Liturgist, Debbie Hess

***RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and have lived upright lives and ministered to others,

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For those who served their country and those who gave even their lives in that service,

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For those veterans whom we neglect and who suffer mental illness or physical challenges because of their service,

People: We ask for your comfort and mercy, O God.

Leader: For all people who inhabit this land with all its liberties,

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For all the ways in which you call us to love beyond our division, hurt and pain,

People: We give you thanks, O God.

***OPENING PRAYER (ALL)**

God, veterans teach us many things. They teach us courage and selflessness. They teach us sacrifice. And they also remind us that the world is not as it should be. They remind us that the past had conflict, the present has conflict, and the future will have conflict.

So, we ask this morning that you teach us to learn from our veterans. Help us listen to their stories, help us to understand their lives, their hopes, their hurts, their longings. And God, don't let us forget those veterans who are marginalized in our society. Those veterans who now find themselves homeless or with deep wounds, both mentally and physically. Remind us that they deserve dignity and respect.

And finally, help us be Christians who have courage, selflessness and sacrifice, those qualities we learn from our veterans, because we know we do not have all the answers, but we know that we long for your kingdom to come to this earth. We long for a day when there will be no more hurt, no more pain, no more conflict, when there will be peace on earth, and goodwill towards all people. When hope, love, joy, and peace will fill realities. So, God, help us to start living like that right now so that we live into the future you have in store for us without wasting even a second. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN See Screen/Insert**

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

INVITATION TO CONFESSION
Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus and his righteousness. Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin that we might find forgiveness and new life in Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)
Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet, we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good. In the name of Jesus we pray.
Moment for silent prayer and reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Hear the good news: Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Believe the gospel! We are forgiven.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (ALL)
O God, send your Spirit to move in our world and stir the water of our souls that we may desire a word of instruction that awakens us to the joy of your coming reign. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Micah 4: 1-4
Page 1444

ANTHEM
"Break Forth Into Joy" Perry

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE John 15: 9-13
Page 1677

SERMON
"Thanking Our Veterans"

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

***HYMN #808**
"Eternal Father Strong to Save"

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
"Offertory on BEATITUDO"Peterson
DOXOLOGY
OFFERING PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN #788**
"Now Thank We All Our God"

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE **SEE SCREEN**

***POSTLUDE**

"An Epilogue of Praise" Paxton

*Please stand, if you are able.

Winter Garments Collection

Winter Garments are needed for homeless children in the Harford County Public School system. Clothing needed for school-aged children from size pre-K to adult, male and female. Please drop them off in the Gathering Room. See flyer.

Emory UMC's First Annual Winter Fair

This Saturday, November 7th, from 11am – 3pm. Shopping, games, food, crafts.

Har-Go Services Available

Harford County residents 60 or older may receive transportation to medical appointments within Harford County. See flyer.