

SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 7, 2024 11:00am
Second Sunday of Easter
Pastor Carroll Fitzgerald

PRELUDE

“Majesty”

Hayford

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL

*INTROIT

SEE SCREEN

“Because He Lives” (Chorus)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: He’s Alive! The tomb is empty!

People: Even death cannot hold our Savior!

Leader: We rejoice because the prophecies have been fulfilled!

People: In faith, we believe!

All: Let us worship Him together!

*OPENING PRAYER

(ALL)

God of infinite wisdom, You bring the dawn of each new day. We praise Your name for sending Christ with the promise of new life. You scatter the clouds of darkness so that our eyes can behold the truth of Your love. You replace the finality of death with an affirmation of life without ending. You burst upon our being with each ray of sunlight, bringing light to

illumine our world with the presence of Your redeeming grace. As we stand on the threshold of Your magnificence, be pleased with our worship as we utter Your name. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #359**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(ALL)

Father, You sent Your Son to atone for our sins. He suffered a horrible death to serve as our sacrificial lamb. Yet, we are still sinners. We disappoint and offend You at every turn. Please forgive us for all our transgressions. Deliver us into Your holy favor once again. For, without You in our lives, we are nothing. We ask this once again in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ.

Moment for silent prayer and reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Yes, Jesus died for our sins. He suffered a cruel and horrible death so that we can have salvation. But, that wasn't the end. He arose on that third day! He rules over the world and holds a place for us in heaven, to spend eternity with Him. Through Jesus, we have the promise of eternal life!

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

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (ALL)

Lord, be with us as we listen to Your scriptures and hear Your word for us today. Open our ears and our hearts to Your message, direction, and desires for us. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Psalm 150
Page 983

ANTHEM

“The Nail-Scarred Hand”

McKinney/Stevens

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

John 20: 19-29
Pages 1686-1687

SERMON

“Doubts to Service”

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

“The Apostles' Creed”

back of hymnal

***Hymn #492**

“At Calvary”

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS - #641

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Yes, I Know My Savior Lives”

Smith

***DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***CLOSING HYMN #368**

“He Lives”

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Amen, Amen”

*** POSTLUDE**

“Resurrection Joy”

Sewell

*Please stand, if you are able.

