SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH May 18, 2025 11:00am Fifth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

"Majesty" Hayford

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL

INTROIT #368 Refrain

"He Lives"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 148

Leader: Let everything that has being praise the name of

the Lord!

People: Mountains and hills, fruit trees and all

cedars, shall praise the name of the Lord.

Leader: Young men and women alike, old and young

together shall praise the name of the Lord.

People: We shall praise your name, O God, for your

glory is above earth and heaven.

All: Let us worship God!

*OPENING PRAYER

(ALL)

O God, you fulfill the desire of all who call upon you. We gather to worship and praise your name. You uphold those who are falling and raise up those who are bowed down. You are faithful in words, gracious in deeds, just in all ways, and

kind in all that you do. Your dominion shall endure forever. With our mouths we will give you blessing and honor. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #63 Vs. 1,2,5

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the love of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(ALL)

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgement that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name.

Moment for silent prayer and reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's promises are trustworthy and true; your sins are forgiven. Be at peace to serve the Lord, and may you always be known by your love.

We are loved, and forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*THE GLORIA PATRI #812

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

(ALL)

O God of promise, your word made flesh in Jesus Christ is trustworthy and true. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may it rise up in us this day, like a gift from the spring of the water of life, to refresh our thirsty souls. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leviticus 19:18

Page 185

ANTHEM

"Speak and We Will Hear"

Martin/Stevens

NEW TESTAMENT

John 13: 31-35

Pages 1674-1675

SERMON

"Five Reasons to Love One Another"

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

hymnal, back cover

HYMN #431

"Shine, Jesus Shine"

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 OFFERINGS OFFERTORY

"Abundant Joy"

Combs

*DOXOLOGY

*OFFERING PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN #429

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

SEE SCREEN

"Go Now in Peace"

*POSTLUDE

"The Regal Trumpet"

Paxton