



Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

8 November 2015 at 10:45

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Prelude

Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, welcome home, children of God. The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Choral Introit

Entrance Antiphon (Psalm 77)

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

The Lord commanded the skies above, and opened the doors of heaven;
he rained down on them manna to eat, and gave them the grain of heaven.
Mortals ate of the bread of angels; he sent them food in abundance.

He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens, and by his power he led out the south wind;

he rained flesh upon them like dust, winged birds like the sand of the seas; he let them fall within their camp, all around their dwellings.

And they ate and were well filled, for he gave them what they craved.

Opening Prayer

You are such a gracious host, Lord God of all creation. Who are we to receive such goodness? You prepare a table for us, amidst our daily struggles, our successes and failures. We confess that we tend to see our daily bread solely in terms of our own handiwork. But we are not self-sufficient. We need you. Forgive us. We need these brothers and sisters in Christ around us. Empower us. Shower us with your "holy

manna" that we might be strengthened for the journey to which you have called us. By faith we stand and worship. By faith we walk and work. By faith we profess that your spirit moves us to be and to do more than we ever thought possible. We pray all this in the name of the One who said "I am the bread of life." Amen.

†Opening Hymn 396: *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

†The Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another...

+ + + LITURGY OF THE WORD + + +

†Prayer for Illumination *(Hymn #452: Open the Eyes of my Heart Lord)*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;

I want to see you; I want to see you; (repeat)

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your power and love as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

Scripture Reading: *Exodus 16:1-21*

The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Sin desert, which is located between Elim and Sinai. They set out on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had left the land of Egypt. The whole Israelite community complained against Moses and Aaron in the desert. The Israelites said to them, "Oh, how we wish that the Lord had just put us to death while we were still in the land of Egypt. There we could sit by the pots cooking meat and eat our fill of bread. Instead, you've brought us out into this desert to starve this whole assembly to death."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I'm going to make bread rain down from the sky for you. The people will go out each day and gather just enough for that day. In this way, I'll test them to see whether or not they follow my Instruction. On the sixth day, when they measure out what they have collected, it will be twice as much as they collected on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "This evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt. And in the morning you will see the Lord's glorious presence, because your complaints against the Lord have been heard. Who are we? Why blame us?" Moses continued, "The Lord will give you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning because

the Lord heard the complaints you made against him. Who are we? Your complaints aren't against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole Israelite community, 'Come near to the Lord, because he's heard your complaints.'" As Aaron spoke to the whole Israelite community, they turned to look toward the desert, and just then the glorious presence of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

The Lord spoke to Moses, "I've heard the complaints of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat. And in the morning you will have your fill of bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening a flock of quail flew down and covered the camp. And in the morning there was a layer of dew all around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the desert surface were thin flakes, as thin as frost on the ground.

When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" They didn't know what it was.

Moses said to them, "This is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Collect as much of it as each of you can eat, one omer per person. You may collect for the number of people in your household.'" The Israelites did as Moses said, some collecting more, some less. But when they measured it out by the omer, the ones who had collected more had nothing left over, and the ones who had collected less had no shortage. Everyone collected just as much as they could eat. Moses said to them, "Don't keep any of it until morning." But they didn't listen to Moses. Some kept part of it until morning, but it became infested with worms and stank. Moses got angry with them. Every morning they gathered it, as much as each person could eat. But when the sun grew hot, it melted away.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Children's Time

Sermon

†Hymn of Response 81: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

Prayers of the People

Providing God, like the Israelites in the wilderness, we too have known your love, and experienced your care and provision. You call us to extend your love to the world

around us—to care for others as deeply as we care for ourselves. And so we bring the needs of our world before you now.

We pray for those who do not have what they need in order to survive; those without enough food to eat, or shelter to keep them warm; those without employment, or enough money to pay their bills; those without access to medical care, or medicine to keep them healthy.

We pray for those who have more than enough to meet their needs, but who continue to feel empty inside; who struggle to find meaning and purpose in life. We pray for those who are struggling in body, mind, or spirit, especially...

You call us to live as citizens of heaven, to work together with one mind and one purpose, to reach out in love to those in need. Strengthen us so that we might live in a manner worthy of the Good News we have received, offering our lives to the building up of your upside-down kingdom, where the last are first, and the first are last, and there is grace enough for all.

*In the name of the One who provides our daily bread, we pray. **Amen.***

+ + + LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST + + +

Offering

God's blessings rain down upon us like manna from heaven. Sometimes we recognize them as blessings, and sometimes we don't. But God's presence is with us in either case. Today we pause on this journey to remember the many times God has been with us along the way, and has provided for our needs. Then, through the ministry of this church, we join in the work of God in providing for the needs of the world.

Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

Doxology (Hymn #643, verse 3)

*All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Had God brought us out of Egypt, and not divided the sea for us,
It would have been enough!*

Had God divided the sea, and not permitted us to cross on dry land,

It would have been enough!

Had God permitted us to cross on dry land, and not sustained us for forty years in the desert,

It would have been enough!

Had God sustained us for forty years in the desert, and not fed us with manna,

It would have been enough!

Had God fed us with manna, and not given us the Sabbath,

It would have been enough! How much more do we have to be thankful for the manifold and unbounded blessings of Almighty God. Amen.

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†Parting Hymn 65: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

†Charge and Blessing

†Congregational Response *(Ancient Celtic Blessing)*

May the road rise to meet you; May the wind blow at your back;

May the sun shine warmly on your face;

May the rain fall softly on your fields;

And until we meet again, until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

Postlude

† Please rise in body or in spirit.

Announcements

Covered Dish Luncheon today after church. Nurture Committee is working to plan at least one all church fellowship event a quarter, and we hope everyone will join us today right after worship for food and fellowship.

UNICEF Offering today – please consider sharing in our annual UNICEF children’s fund offering this morning. Last year we raised \$775.90!

Congregational Meeting – The Session has called a congregational meeting for **Sunday, 8 November during morning worship**. The purpose of this meeting is to hear the Nominating Committee’s report and elect officers for 2016, and approved the Session’s recommendation regarding 2016 pastoral terms of call.

All Saints’ Day is next Sunday (1 November). We will remember those saints who have who have joined the Church Triumphant since last All Saints’ Day. If you have

a family member, friend, or loved one who passed away in the last year that you would like recognized during worship, please email or text Brian those names by **Tuesday, 27 October**.

Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes – It's time to pack those shoeboxes we've been collecting for all year. We begin this Wednesday night (28 October) with dinner at 6:30 and packing at 7:00. If you still have donations or items, shoeboxes, or cash for the shoebox project, please try to bring those by the church on or before Wednesday night so they can be included.

Sunset Gap Collection – Bring your old (good condition) clothes, furniture, electronics, household items, etc. to donate to the Sunset Gap Community Ministry thrift store. Please make sure they are boxed up for transport, and leave them along the outer wall of the fellowship hall. **Collection runs through Saturday, 31 October**.

This Week at TRPC

28 October	Next Sunday (1 Nov - All Saints)	Food Bank & Samaritan's Purse (October)
6:30 – Dinner and Pack Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes	Matthew 13:45-46	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hamburger Helper or Tuna Helper (FB) • Shoe boxes (SP)

Worship Leadership

Date	Acolyte	Usher	Communion
25 Oct	Wallace W	Charles H	N/A
1 Nov	Kenton C	Billy G	Vicki T
8 Nov	Blair S	Carroll H	N/A
15 Nov	Nancy Katherine	Kenny C	N/A
22 Nov	Addison G	John M	Amy C