



# *Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church*

**Fourth Sunday in Lent, Year C**

**6 March 2016 at 10:45**

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**+ + + GATHERING + + +**

## **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** *(Joel 2:13)*

*Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.*

**His mercy endures forever.**

*Return to the Lord your God,*

**for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

## **Opening Prayer**

*God of lost and found, through Jesus Christ you call us to repent and return from our wandering ways. Lead us safely home, O Lord, so that we might be reconciled to you and to one another; in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.***

## **†Hymn 475: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

## **†Confession and Pardon**

### **Call to Confession**

*Are you thirsty for grace? Are you hungry for mercy? God is calling; come to the waters. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.*

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. We take your blessing for granted and squander our inheritance. We boast of our good works and resent your great mercy to others. Forgive us, God of grace. Let us no longer be lost in our sin. Help us to find our way home to you,**

**where you welcome us with open arms; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Listen, so that you may live: The steadfast love of the Lord never fails. (Isaiah 55:3)  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Response of Praise (Hymn #581: Gloria Patri)**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

**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 #451, v2)**

*Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

**Scripture reading: Joshua 5:9-12**

*The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt."  
And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.*

*While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Choral Anthem**

**Time with Children**

Sarah Wyatt

**Sermon**

Dr. Brian Wyatt

## †Hymn of Response 74: *When God Restored Our Common Life*

### **Prayers of the People**

*God, your faithful love surrounds us, and we give you thanks for the gift of life, and the gift of new life, and for the many ways you sustain and nurture us.*

*We come before you this day, some of us tired and hungry, looking for your word to sustain us, your spirit to comfort us. Some of us come bruised and sore, looking for healing, longing for wholeness. Some of us come despairing, wondering what has happened and where the joy of life has gone. Some of us come with heavy hearts, praying for people harmed by those who should protect, praying for those who look different and so are suspect, praying for a world on edge, tense with fear and hate and violence.*

*In short, Lord, we come having hit that wall sometimes, the one where we are just too exhausted, too weary, to worn to keep trying and working for your kingdom when at times it seems further away each day. And so we gather this morning, God, looking for good news in the midst of the world's bad news. Let your grace rain down on us, O God. May we be surrounded by your love, your peace, your hope.*

*And we pray for that same peace, and for hope, for those who are weary, or sick, or tired today, especially...*

*Fill them, and fill us, with your spirit, that we may widen the circle until all the world knows your grace. We pray these and all things in the name of Christ, who taught us to pray together...*

### **Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.*

### **+ + + LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST + + +**

### **Offering (Philippians 3:7-8)**

*All that we seek to accomplish, all that we strive to achieve, all that we claim to possess—all of this amounts to nothing without the grace of Christ. With gratitude, let us offer our lives to the Lord.*

### †Doxology (Tune: Woodworth, #442)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise Christ all creatures here below.*

*Praise Holy Spirit ever more.*

*Praise Triune God whom we adore.*

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise. As we follow Christ on the path of obedience, God, we are always reminded of your desire for us to be ever-faithful. Take these gifts and make them become for us an act of faith in your gracious love. Bless them, we pray, for the work of your kingdom. Amen.**

**+ + + SENDING + + +**

**†Sending Hymn 821:** *How Can I Keep From Singing*

### **†Charge and Blessing**

*Go in peace, proclaiming the message of reconciliation God has entrusted to us.*

*May the Spirit of the triune God strengthen and sustain you, all throughout these forty days and into the life that is to come. Amen.*

### **†Congregational Response**

*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.*

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### **Announcements**

**Holston Sr. High Retreat** is April 8-10 at Holston Camp. Cost is \$50.

**Games Night** this Wednesday (9 March). We will start with dinner at 6:30, then bring your favorite board or card game and we'll have an evening of fun and games!

**Christian Education Committee** meets this afternoon at 4:30pm. Please bring your calendars so we can set dates for Vacation Bible School and other events.

**Women's Group** meets tomorrow evening (Monday, 7 March)

- Hostess: Vicki Trentham

- Mission Interpretation: Ruth Burkey
- Bible Study: Marilyn Brumley (Lesson 3)
- Mission Project: Hope Center & Fellowship of the Least Coin

**Five Cents a Meal Offering** will be received this morning, and the first Sunday of each month. Please give generously to this offering which goes directly to hunger ministries in our community and around the world.

**Daylight Saving Time** begins next Sunday (13 March). Don't forget to set your clocks ahead an hour. If you need help waking up earlier on Sunday morning, there will be fresh coffee and donuts downstairs in the fellowship hall, along with great conversation, at 9:30am DST.

### This Week at TRPC

Week of 9 March	Next Sunday (13 March)	Food Bank & Samaritan's Purse (March)
6:30 – Dinner and Games Night	Luke 16:1-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instant Potatoes or Rice (FB)</li> <li>• Socks (boys &amp; girls, ages 2-4, 5-9, 10-14), combs, hairbrushes (SP)</li> </ul>

### Worship Leadership

Date	Acolyte	Usher	Communion
<b>6 Mar</b>	Wallace W	Kenton C	N/A
<b>13 Mar</b>	Blair S	Gary M	N/A
<b>20 Mar</b>	Addison G	Doyle E	Lee Anne S
<b>25 Mar</b>	TBD	Charles Br	N/A
<b>26 Mar</b>	TBD	Scott C	Sandra C
<b>27 Mar</b>	Kenton C	Doug R	Marilyn B
<b>3 Apr</b>	Wallace W	Paul B	N/A