



# *Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church*

**Fifth Sunday in Lent, Year C**  
**13 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**

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

**His mercy endures forever.**

*Those who sow with tears*

**will reap with songs of joy.**

*Those who go out weeping*

**will return home with shouts of joy.**

## **Opening Prayer**

*Faithful God, through Jesus Christ we have come to trust in you and rejoice that you call us your own. Help us to be more faithful with the gifts you entrust to us, turning away from worldly wealth to worship and serve you alone. This we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.***

## **†Hymn 31: Psalm 136**

## **†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 fix our minds on former things, missing the new thing you are doing. We focus**

**on worldly treasure and gain, forgetting the value of knowing Christ.  
Forgive us, God of grace. Through the great mystery of faith deliver us  
from our captivity to sin and lead us from death to life; 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: Luke 16:1-9**

*"Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master*

*commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes."*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Choral Anthem**

**Time with Children**

Sarah Wyatt

**Sermon**

Dr. Brian Wyatt

**†Hymn of Response 223:** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

## **Prayers of the People**

*Lord, we know that we sometimes squander your blessings much as the manager squandered the landowner's property. We seek shortcuts, sometimes acting shrewdly, sometimes dishonestly. But we give thanks that you work with us and through us, imperfect as we are, trusting us time and again with the work of your kingdom.*

*We pray, God, for the people of the world, not knowing what else we can do. We lift up people and places in conflict to your care, even as our actions and inactions cause conflict around us.*

*We pray for those we hold dear in this life, our family and our friends, those who are hurting in mind, body, or spirit, especially...*

*Hear us, O God, as we pray that we return to right relationships with the world and with each other. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray...*

## **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.**

**O God, we trust you to be our refuge and fortress in good times and in times of trouble. Use the gifts we share today to provide shelter for those who are homeless, food for those who are hungry, comfort for those who are afflicted, and freedom for those who are oppressed. We commit to you the gift of our money and the gifts of our lives, so that we may be instruments of your healing in the world. Amen.**

**+ + + SENDING + + +**

†**Sending Hymn 463: How Firm a Foundation**

†**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**

**Cemetery Clean-Up Night** this Wednesday (16 March). Please note that we will start early with **dinner at 6:00** so we can get our work done while it's still light outside.

**Holy Week Community Services** begin next Sunday evening (20 March) at 6:30 at Pine Grove Methodist Church with worship led by Brian and the Timber Ridge Choir. A full schedule of services is available in the narthex.

**Palm Sunday Breakfast** will be next Sunday (20 March) at 9:30am in the fellowship hall. Bring a dish to share and we enjoy good food and fellowship and learn about the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering that will be received on Easter Sunday.

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

**Youth Triennium** happens once every 3 years, and is **this summer (19-23 July)**. Cost is \$505 (scholarship assistance is available), and Rev. Greg Cartwright (First Greeneville) will be leading the trip for Holston Presbytery as we join with 5000 other youth in Purdue, Indiana.

**Nurture Committee** will meet briefly next Sunday (20 March) right after worship.

#### This Week at TRPC

Week of 16 March	Next Sunday (20 March)	Food Bank & Samaritan's Purse (March)
<b>6:00</b> – Dinner and Cemetery Clean up	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>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