



Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church

5th Sunday after Pentecost, Year C
19 June 2016 at 10:45

+ + + 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

†Call to Worship

As if this were the only time, and this the only place, and we the only people.

Jesus Christ will meet us.

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Let us worship God.

†Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have taught us that all our deeds without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

†Hymn 19: God of Great and God of Small

†The Peace

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we were called as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

So 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;
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: Judges 3:1-30 (NRSV)

These are the nations that the Lord left to test all those Israelites who had no firsthand knowledge of the wars of Canaan. They survived only to teach war to the generations of Israelites who had no firsthand knowledge of the earlier wars: the five rulers of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, Sidonians, and Hivites who lived in the highlands of Lebanon from Mount Baal-hermon to Lebo-hamath. They were to be the test for Israel, to find out whether they would obey the Lord's commands, which he had made to their ancestors through Moses. So the Israelites lived among the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites. But the Israelites intermarried with them and served their gods.

The Israelites did things that the Lord saw as evil, and they forgot the Lord their God. They served the Baals and the Asherahs. The Lord became angry with Israel and gave them over to King Cushan. They served him eight years. But then they cried out to the Lord. So the Lord raised up a deliverer for the Israelites, Othniel, who rescued them. The Lord's spirit was in Othniel, and he led Israel. When he marched out for war, the Lord handed over Aram's King Cushan. Othniel overpowered Cushan, and the land was peaceful for forty years, until Othniel died.

The Israelites again did things that the Lord saw as evil, and the Lord put Moab's King Eglon in power over them, because they did these things that the Lord saw as evil. He convinced the Ammonites and Amalekites to join him, defeated Israel, and took possession of Palm City. So the Israelites served Moab's King Eglon eighteen years.

Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord. So the Lord raised up a deliverer for them, Ehud, who was left-handed.

*[**Ehud went to visit King Eglon and while handing him a tribute with his right hand, snuck out his sword with his left hand and stabbed Eglon through the stomach, killing him.]*

²⁷So the Israelites went down from the highlands with Ehud leading them. He told them, "Follow me, for the Lord has handed over your enemies the

Moabites.” So they followed him, and they took control of the crossing points of the Jordan in the direction of Moab, allowing no one to cross. This time, they defeated the Moabites, about ten thousand big and strong men, and no one escaped. Moab was brought down by the power of Israel on that day, and there was peace in the land for eighty years.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Time with Children

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt

†Hymn 805: *Psalm 30 (Come Sing to God)*

†Prayers of the People

Eternal God, you called us to be your people, called us chosen, and given us a task of sharing your blessing with the world around us. But we confess that we often want to keep the blessing for ourselves, and instead act like you have asked us to be agents of your anger and wrath, poured out against those we are convinced don’t walk in your ways.

Lord, rain down your Holy Spirit upon us and show us mercy in our pride. Challenge us at every step to return that mercy and love to everyone around us, whether we consider them a neighbor or an enemy. May our actions and words work to build up others and reconcile the world where there is hurt and anger. May our energies go toward building up your church rather than tearing down one another.

We pray for those we don’t know this morning, but who may be tempted toward violent speech or acts in your name. May our actions reflect a different understanding of your will.

We pray also, Lord, for those we do know, for our friends and family in need this day, especially...

Help us this day and every day to walk the path of love, just as your Son loved us and taught us to love others. We pray daily that we may follow where you lead, praying as Christ taught us...

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

†Doxology (Hymn #1, v.4)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

†Prayer of Thanksgiving

All things come from you, O God,

and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. Eternal God, creator of the whole world and giver of all good, we thank you for the earth, our home, and for the gift of life. We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ, who came to heal this broken world, who died rejected on the cross and rose triumphant from the dead. Because he lives, we live to praise you, our God forever. Amen.

+ + + SENDING + + +

†Hymn 379: We Shall Overcome

†Charge and Blessing

May God bless you with discomfort, at easy answers, half truths and superficial relationships so that you will live deeply and from the heart.

May God bless you with anger, at injustice, oppression, and the exploitation of people, so that you will work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those that mourn, so that you will reach out your hand to them and turn their mourning into joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you will do those things that others say cannot be done.

†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.

Announcements

Vacation Bible School begins **tomorrow** and runs through Thursday (23 June).

VBS Meeting - There will be a brief “check-in” meeting right after church to touch base about VBS. If you are helping in any capacity, please stick around for a few minutes so we can make sure we’re ready to go tomorrow!

This Week at TRPC

Wednesday, 22 June	6 th Sunday after Pentecost (26 June)	Food Bank & Samaritan’s Purse (June)
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	Living Waters for the World (John 4:5-42)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oatmeal & Dry Cereal (FB) • Flashlights & Batteries (SP)

Worship Leadership

Date	Acolyte	Usher	Communion
19 Jun	Kenton C	Charles Br & Charlie H	N/A
26 Jun	Blair S	John M & Charlie H	N/A
3 Jul	Wallace W	Kenton C & Charlie H	Zelma E
10-Jul	Kenton C	Gary M & Charlie H	N/A
17-Jul	Blair S	Doyle W & Charlie H	N/A