



Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church

6th Sunday after Pentecost, Year C

26 June 2016 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

Call to Worship (*paraphrased from Psalms 42, 78, and 104*)

God, you split rocks in the wilderness, and gave your people abundant drink, as from the deep.

Come to us, Lord. Give us that abundant water.

You made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

Come to us, Lord. Send the waters down upon us.

You turned the desert into pools of water, the parched land into springs of water.

Come to us, Lord. Create springs in the parched desert of our hearts.

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. Come to us, Lord, and fill our longing.

Prayer of the Day

God our Creator, as we gather to worship this morning, deliver us from complacency. Help us to know that what matters in life is not what we keep but what we give away. Give us Christ-like compassion for the heavy-laden and downtrodden. May we extend your love to all people - young and old, rich and poor, those we love, and hardest for us, those we dislike or even hate. And particularly today, Lord, let us remember those for whom access to clean water is a luxury, more precious than gold, and unattainable. Instill in us the power to pray for and work for the day when clean water may flow for all of God's children. Help us to find our eternal joy in your service. And hasten the day when your kingdom shall fill the earth, when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Amen.

†**Hymn 479: Come Now to the Water**

†**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: John 4:5-15, 27-30

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."...

...Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He

cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Time with Children

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt

†**Hymn 626:** *As the Deer (since twice)*

†**Prayers of the People**

O God, who brought water from stone, help us to remember that, for some, the earth is parched. We lift to you those who walk hours to distant streams, who kneel beside rivers and ponds to collect all that they will use to drink, cook and wash.

We lift to you those for whom clean water is not a basic right but a luxury, not a common good but an expensive commodity, out of reach for those who cannot pay.

We cry out, O God, against conflict and violence that leave crops to wither and drive families from their homes to lands where fresh, clean water is only a dream.

Today, may we, for whom water flows at the touch of a tap, ponder what it means to thirst. May we heed your call to hunger and thirst for righteousness for all your children. And may your justice and righteousness roll down as an ever flowing stream.

We pray also, Lord, for those who are parched in spirit, 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. Thanks be to you, Creator God, for water that sustains the life of animals, fish, and plants, that cleans our bodies and blesses our souls. Thanks be to you for the water of tears that wash away our grief, for the water of slides, lakes, pools, and oceans where we can play and have fun. Thanks be to you for living water that gives us new life. May we treasure that gift and share it, and the gifts we offer today, in service to your Kingdom on earth. Amen.

+ + + SENDING + + +

†Hymn 375: *Shall We Gather at the River*

†Charge and Blessing

Because the world is hungry, go with bread.

Because the world is thirsty, go with water.

Because the world is filled with fear, go with courage.

Because the world is in despair, go with hope.

Because the world is living lies, go with truth.

Because the world is sick with sorrow, go with joy.

Because the world is weary of war, go with peace.

Because the world is seldom fair, go with justice.

Because the world is under judgment, go with mercy.

†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

THANK YOU to EVERYONE who helped with Vacation Bible School last week. We had a great time, learned a lot, made some new friends, and most of all, could not have done it without your support.

Living Waters for the World was our mission project for VBS last week. It is the primary mission of our Synod, and supplies solar powered water filtration systems to communities all over the world, **AND** right here in East Tennessee. If you would like to make a contribution toward this project, you may leave change in the “wishing well” the children and youth have been using to collect money all week, or just earmark paper money or checks for “Living Waters” and include in the offering plate.

This is the Last Week for Food Bank and Samaritan’s Purse donations for June.

This Week at TRPC

Wednesday, 29 June	7th Sunday after Pentecost (26 June)	Food Bank & Samaritan’s Purse (June)
No midweek activities	Judges 4 & 5 (The story of Deborah)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oatmeal & Dry Cereal (FB) • Flashlights & Batteries (SP)

Worship Leadership

Date	Acolyte	Usher	Communion
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
24 Jul	Wallace W	Ken P & Charlie H	N/A