



Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church

8th Sunday after Pentecost, Year C

10 July 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 *(from Psalm 1:1-2, 6)*

Happy are the people

who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that they follow, or sit in the seat of people who make fun of others.

Their delight is in the law of the Lord,

and they meditate on God's law day and night.

The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked will perish.

†Hymn 457: Psalm 1 *(How Happy Are the Saints of God)*

†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 6:1–14 (NRSV)*

The Israelites did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord gave them into the hand of Midian seven years. The hand of Midian prevailed over Israel; and because of Midian the Israelites provided for themselves hiding places in the mountains, caves and strongholds. For whenever the Israelites put in seed, the Midianites and the Amalekites and the people of the East would come up against them. They would encamp against them and destroy the produce of the land, as far as the neighborhood of Gaza, and leave no sustenance in Israel, and no sheep or ox or donkey. For they and their livestock would come up, and they would even bring their tents, as thick as locusts; neither they nor their camels could be counted; so they wasted the land as they came in. Thus Israel was greatly impoverished because of Midian; and the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help.

When the Israelites cried to the Lord on account of the Midianites, the Lord sent a prophet to the Israelites; and he said to them, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I led you up from Egypt, and brought you out of the house of slavery; and I delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians, and from the hand of all who oppressed you, and drove them out before you, and gave you their land; and I said to you, ‘I am the Lord your God; you shall not pay reverence to the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you live.’ But you have not given heed to my voice.”

Now the angel of the Lord came and sat under the oak at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, as his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the wine press, to hide it from the Midianites. The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, “The Lord is with you, you mighty warrior.” Gideon answered him, “But sir, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our ancestors recounted to us, saying, ‘Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?’ But now the Lord has cast us off, and given us into the hand of Midian.” Then the Lord turned to him and said, “Go in this might of yours and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian; I hereby commission you.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Time with Children

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt

†**Hymn 336:** *We Gather Together*

†**Prayers of the People**

O Holy One, we gather this morning in prayer knowing that we stand in a long line of those who have kept faith in you. We give thanks for your servant Gideon, reluctant though he was, for finding the faith to follow where you called him, even through trial and difficulty, trusting that it would lead to hope for today and hope for a better tomorrow. We pray that you would bless us in our time as we seek to be as faithful as our ancestors. May we too know the faith which is filled with hope in things not seen...

- *Give to us a faith which has a vision of a new world where peace and love characterize the transactions of people and of nations and where war is no more.*
- *Give to us a faith which is able to endure those moments of personal disquiet and to trust that you are with us.*
- *Give to us a faith which sees the welfare of humankind as our business because it is the focus of your enduring love for your people.*

God, give us faith to walk with you through the ebb and flow and the victories and the defeats of life. And give, we pray, your faith to those who need that assurance today, especially...

These hopes and prayers we lift up to you in the name of the One who walked among us, and taught us to pray daily for your kingdom, as we say 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

Jesus has taught us not to store up treasures for ourselves, but to be rich toward God—for where our treasures are, there will our hearts be also. With gratitude for God's grace, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

†Doxology (Tune #643)

*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

All things come from you, O God...

And with gratitude we return to you what is yours. Author of all creation, Sovereign over all creatures, we praise you for your goodness and give thanks for your mercy. We give thanks for the faith and witness of your servant Gideon, reminding us to trust that when you call, you also provide. May these gifts we offer be a sign of our trust in you, and our willingness to let go and follow where you lead. Use these offerings for the purpose and work of your kingdom, O Lord. Amen.

+ + + SENDING + + +

†Hymn 661: *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

†Charge and Blessing

*May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
wherever He may send you,
May He guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.
May He bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders He has shown you
May He bring you home rejoicing
once again into our doors.
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. 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.*

Announcements

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, please make checks payable to "Timber Ridge" and include "Living Waters" in the memo line.

Covered Dish Luncheon next Sunday! Join us in the fellowship hall next Sunday morning (17 July) immediately following worship for a covered dish luncheon and a time to give thanks for our church family. Please bring a dish to share and join us!

This Week at TRPC

Wednesday, 13 July	9th Sunday after Pentecost (17 July)	Food Bank & Samaritan's Purse (July)
No midweek activities	Rom 6:14 & Jas 2:10-11 Rom 16:1-3 & 1Tim 2:11-12 1Tim 6:1-2 & Phm 15-16 1Tim 5:23 & Eph 5:18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powdered Milk (FB) • Small toys and stuffed animals (SP)

Worship Leadership

Date	Acolyte	Usher	Communion
10 July	Kenton C	Gary M & Charlie H	N/A
17 July	Blair S	Doyle W & Charlie H	N/A
24 July	Wallace W	Spencer M & Charlie H	N/A
31 July	Kenton C	Will E & Charlie H	N/A
7 Aug	Blair S	Doug R & Charlie H	Joyce W