



Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church

10th Sunday after Pentecost, Year C

24 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 (Psalm 146)

Praise the Lord! Let my whole being praise the Lord!

I will praise the Lord with all my life; I will sing praises to my God as long as I live.

Don't trust leaders; don't trust any human beings—there's no saving help with them!

Their breath leaves them, then they go back to the ground. On that very same day, their plans die too.

The person whose help is the God of Jacob—the person whose hope rests on the Lord their God—is truly happy!

God: the maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

God: who is faithful forever,

who gives justice to people who are oppressed, who gives bread to people who are starving! The Lord: who frees prisoners.

The Lord: who makes the blind see. The Lord: who straightens up those who are bent low. The Lord: who loves the righteous.

The Lord: who protects immigrants, who helps orphans and widows, but who makes the way of the wicked twist and turn!

The Lord will rule forever! Zion, your God will rule from one generation to the next! Praise the Lord!

Prayer of the Day

*O Holy One, Source of all life and love, we thank you for your love that never lets us go. Thank you for the privilege of gathering in this space with these your people – our neighbors – to worship you. We do not come merely to open the doors of the church, but we come that our hearts might be opened to you and to one another. As we worship you today, help us to respond to the call of love – to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves. May we be transformed from individuals to members of your one body. Guide us as families, as a community of faith, as a nation to follow the path of love. **Amen.***

†**Hymn 806:** *I'll Praise My Maker (Psalm 146)*

†**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 readings (NRSV): *Judges 9:1–6, 22–25*

Now Abimelech son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem to his mother's kinsfolk and said to them and to the whole clan of his mother's family, "Say in the hearing of all the lords of Shechem, 'Which is better for you, that all seventy of the sons of Jerubbaal rule over you, or that one rule over you?' Remember also that I am your bone and your flesh." So his mother's kinsfolk spoke all these words on his behalf in the hearing of all the lords of Shechem; and their hearts inclined to follow Abimelech, for they said, "He is our brother." They gave him seventy pieces of silver out of the temple of Baal-berith with which Abimelech hired worthless and reckless fellows, who followed him. He went to his father's house at Ophrah, and killed his brothers the sons of Jerubbaal, seventy men, on one stone; but Jotham, the youngest son of Jerubbaal, survived, for he hid himself. Then all the lords of Shechem and all Beth-millo came together, and they went and made Abimelech king, by the oak of the pillar at Shechem.

Abimelech ruled over Israel three years. But God sent an evil spirit between

Abimelech and the lords of Shechem; and the lords of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech. This happened so that the violence done to the seventy sons of Jerubbaal might be avenged and their blood be laid on their brother Abimelech, who killed them, and on the lords of Shechem, who strengthened his hands to kill his brothers. So, out of hostility to him, the lords of Shechem set ambushes on the mountain tops. They robbed all who passed by them along that way; and it was reported to Abimelech.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Time with Children

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt

†**Hymn 767:** *Together We Serve*

Prayers of the People

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 (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. Thank you, O God, for the gifts of your people. Help us that we rely not on our own understanding in the use of these gifts, but to seek your wisdom. Knowing that as we do, your will be revealed and your people near and far will be blessed. Amen.

+ + + **SENDING** + + +

†**Hymn 726:** *The Summons*

†**Charge and Blessing**

†**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

Stated Session Meeting will be next Sunday (31 July) at 5:30pm in the Choir Room. (Devotion: **Doug R**)

Women's Group will resume from their summer break next week. Meeting will be Monday evening, 1 August, at 7:00pm. Hostess is **Lisa Balabas**.

Carly Shaw is leaving for NYC this week, and has extended an invitation to the TRPC family to a drop in this afternoon to say 'goodbye'. Drop-in will be from 2-5pm this afternoon at 4128 Ranch Road Johnson City.

This Week at TRPC

| Wednesday, 27 July | 11th Sunday after Pentecost (31 July) | Food Bank & Samaritan's Purse (July) |
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| No midweek activities | Judges 21:1-14 | • Powdered Milk (FB) • Small toys and stuffed animals (SP) |

Worship Leadership

| Date | Acolyte | Usher | Communion |
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| 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 |
| 14 Aug | Wallace W | Carroll H & Charlie H | N/A |
| 21 Aug | Kenton C | Blair S & Charlie H | N/A |