



Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church

14th Sunday after Pentecost, Year C

21 August 2016 at 11:00

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Prelude

Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Call to Worship (Psalm 19:1-6)

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens the Lord has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

It rises in one end of the sky; its circuit is complete at the other. Praise be to the God of the heavens and the earth.

Opening Prayer of Praise

Loving God, your spirit imprints the whole universe with life and mystery. All creation proclaims your love. We gather this morning to join this chorus of praise.

The warmth of the sun's embrace, the gentle breeze sweeping over the mountains, the rhythm of seasons of new birth, death and recreation. All these speak so clearly of your love, your power, and your beauty. All are expressions of your creativity, and more importantly of yourself. Just as an artist might share her personality within each brushstroke, so within the myriad colors and majesty all around us, you share the exuberance of your love.

That we can glimpse you within creation is a beautiful thought, but also tells us that you desire to be seen, to be found and known. So this morning, Lord, open our eyes as we walk through this world, as we feel the wind and sunshine, and see the

majesty of creation unfolding before our eyes. Help us to see you in one another, in the beauty around us, in all the works of your hands this day. Amen.

†Hymn: This Is My Father's World (Tune: *Terra Beata*, #370)

1. This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.
3. This is my Father's world: Oh, let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: The battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, And earth and heaven be one.

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†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.

†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:

Exodus 3 (abridged)

Moses led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then God said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

Isaiah 6 (abridged)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.

And one called to another and said:

*"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory."*

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Jeremiah 1:4-8

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

*"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."*

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

Acts 9:1-9

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you

persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Jonah 1:1-3

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, "Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me." But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

+ + + SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING + + +

Sentences of Scripture

(Galatians 3:27-28) As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

(Ephesians 4:1-6) Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Psalm 133 (Tune #202: O Waly, Waly)

1. How good when all the earth is one,
And hearts embrace community;
When strife will cease to separate,
And love binds all in unity.
2. As oil anointed Aaron's head
And dew adorns the mountainside

So peace and blessing of the Lord
Within the faithful heart abide.

Call to Discipleship

We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

The great ends of the church are:

- **the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;**
- **the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;**
- **the maintenance of divine worship;**
- **the preservation of the truth;**
- **the promotion of social righteousness;**
- **and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.**

The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life we enter through baptism. Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility.

Olivia, the grace bestowed on you in baptism is sufficient for your calling because it is God's grace. By God's grace we are saved, and enabled to grow in the faith and to commit our lives in ways that serve Christ.

God has called you to particular service. Show your purpose by answering these questions.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world?

I do.

Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

I will, with God's help.

Do you, members of Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church, confirm the call of God to our sister Olivia, as a Young Adult Volunteer in Mission for the Presbyterian Church, USA, and for Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church, in the service of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Will you support and encourage her in this ministry?

We will.

Commissioning Prayer

All are invited to gather around Olivia for the laying on of hands.

Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us; and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling.

We thank you for leading Olivia to this time and place. Establish her in your truth, and guide her by your Holy Spirit, that in your service she may grow in faith, hope, and love, and be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever.

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples and, by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you. Let your Spirit rule your church, so that we may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ, who, having gone before us, is coming to meet us in the promise of your kingdom. Amen.

Charge

Olivia, you are commissioned to service as a mission volunteer for the Presbyterian Church, USA, for Holston Presbytery, and for Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church.

(Colossians 3:17) Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

Blessing

(1 Thessalonians 5:23) May the God of peace make you holy in every way, and keep your whole being, spirit, soul, and body, free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Offering

Remembering God's great love for the world, for this creation and the people in it, remembering God's great love for us, let us return to God the tokens of our commitment to help shape the world in the image of God's kingdom.

†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.

†Prayers of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Creator God, we give you thanks for this world of unsurpassed beauty, and we give thanks that you continue to re-create the world and us in your image, made new each day.

We pray that you would use us, Lord, as stewards and caretakers of your creation. We ask that you use our gifts to renew places and people around us. Replenish our hearts, O Lord, so that we too can renew the face of the earth. Use our gifts and our lives to help re-create the world in your image, we pray. Amen

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Hymn of Response #340: *This Is My Song*

1. This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
2. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

†Charge and Blessing

*Go forth singing God's praises,
remembering God's promises and blessings.*

*Joyfully give back to the world the love you have received
believing that God loves all creation and abides with us.*

†**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 field;
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

Building Fund collection will continue throughout August. This fund exists primarily to pay for necessary repairs and improvements on the beautiful church building we have inherited, keeping it in good repair for our children and their children to worship in for generations to come

The Women of Timber Ridge are asking for your support to help fund their mission projects. Just give your donation to our treasurer, Marilyn Brumley (checks payable to Timber Ridge Presbyterian Women). THANK YOU!!

We will begin collecting items for Sunset Gap on Saturday, 10 September. Leave your boxed items in the basement by Sunday, 16 October. Thank you.

This Week at TRPC

Wednesday, 24 August	14th Sunday after Pentecost (28 Aug)	Food Bank & Samaritan's Purse (August)
6:30 – Dinner & Water Games (John M)	Revelation 12:1 – 15:8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spaghetti sauce (FB) • School supplies (SP)

Worship Leadership

Date	Acolyte	Usher	Communion
21 Aug	<i>Fall Picnic in Pavilion</i>		N/A
28 Aug	William B	Charles B & Charlie H	N/A
4 Sep	Wallace W	John M & Charlie H	Lisa B
11 Sep	Blair S	Kenton C & Charlie H	N/A
18 Sep	Kenton C	Gary M & Charlie H	N/A