



# *Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church*

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Year C**

**28 August 2016 at 11:00**

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**+ + + 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**

## **Call to Worship** *(from Psalm 57)*

*Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge;*  
**in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, until the destroying storms pass by.**

*I cry to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me.*

**He will send from heaven and save me, God will send forth his steadfast love and his faithfulness.**

*Be exalted, O God, above the heavens. Let your glory be over all the earth.*

**My heart is steadfast, O God, I will sing and make melody.**

*Awake, my soul! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn.*

**I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.**

*For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens; your faithfulness extends to the clouds.*

**Be exalted, O God, above the heavens. Let your glory be over all the earth.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

*Eternal God, whose signature we see in the creation of the universe, help us this hour to look and to listen for your handwriting and your voice in this place, among these people.*

*Connect our temporary praise to your timeless rhythms, your ageless melodies, your everlasting joyful noise. Guide us now to focus upon you, knowing that in you,*

*our distractions become new possibilities for action.*

*Breathe life into our singing, our praying, our speaking, our listening, our touching, that all these activities might become more than they are. In our worship we reach out to you, O God, knowing that you have already enfolded us in your arms. In Jesus, we pray. Amen.*

†**Hymn 33: Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show**

**+ + + LITURGY OF THE WORD + + +**

†**The Peace**

*Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." So may we know peace with God and peace between each other. Brothers and sisters, the peace of the Lord 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 reading: Revelation 12-13 (selected verses)**

*Then a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant, and she cried out because she was in labor, in pain from giving birth. Then another sign appeared in heaven: it was a great fiery red dragon. [It] stood in front of the woman...so that when she gave birth, he might devour her child. She gave birth to a son...Her child was snatched up to God and his throne. Then the woman fled into the desert, where God has prepared a place for her.*

*Then I saw another beast coming up from the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it was speaking like a dragon. It deceives those who live on earth by the signs that it was allowed to do in the presence of the beast. It forces everyone—the small and great, the rich and poor, the free and slaves—to have a mark put on their right hand or on their forehead. It will not allow anyone to make a purchase or sell anything unless the person has the mark with the beast's name or the number of its name. This calls for wisdom. Let the one who understands calculate*

*the beast's number, for it's a human being's number. Its number is six hundred sixty-six.*

*Then I looked, and there was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion. I heard a sound from heaven that was like the sound of rushing water and loud thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. They sing a new song in front of the throne, the four living creatures, and the elders.*

*They sing the song of Moses, God's servant, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and awe-inspiring are your works, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, king of the nations. Who won't fear you, Lord, and glorify your name? You alone are holy. All nations will come and fall down in worship before you, for your acts of justice have been revealed."*

*The Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

†**Hymn #364:** *Lift Up the Gates Eternal*

## **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**

*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 #606)**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him, all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### †**Prayers of Thanksgiving**

*Let us give thanks to God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Generous God, we give for so many reasons—guilt, joy, obligation, gratitude, obedience, hope, control, thankfulness. Remind us of your call to examine everything that we have; after all, our money and possessions are really gifts from you. You call us to use them wisely—to share them openly—to give them generously. So thank you for this celebration of giving. Receive this offering and release us from the foolish temptation to believe that it is best spent on ourselves. Amen.**

**+ + + SENDING + + +**

**†Hymn #755:** *Alleluia! Laud and Blessing*

**†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 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.*

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### **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

**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.

**Barbara Jean Dearstone Smith** will celebrate her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday next month. If you would like to send her a card, they may be sent to her son at the following address before 10 September: Danny Smith, 14092 Stratton Way, Santa Ana, CA 92705.

**Youth Planning Committee** will meet this Wednesday evening (31 August) at 6:30pm in the choir room to plan our activity calendar for the fall. Please bring your ideas and your calendar.

### Upcoming Events for your Calendar:

- **Bennie's Recital:** 25 September
- **Fall Retreat at Holston Camp:** 30 September – 2 October

### This Week at TRPC

| <b>Wednesday, 24 August</b>                              | <b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (4 Sep)</b> | <b>Food Bank &amp; Samaritan's Purse (August)</b>   |
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| 6:30 – Youth Planning Committee (no youth group meeting) | Acts 2:43-47  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spaghetti sauce (FB)</li><li>• School supplies (SP)</li></ul> |

### Worship Leadership

| <b>Date</b>   | <b>Acolyte</b> | <b>Usher</b>          | <b>Communion</b> |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| <b>28 Aug</b> | William B      | Charles B & Charlie H | N/A              |
| <b>4 Sep</b>  | Wallace W      | John M & Charlie H    | Lisa B           |
| <b>11 Sep</b> | Blair S        | Kenton C & Charlie H  | N/A              |
| <b>18 Sep</b> | Kenton C       | Gary M & Charlie H    | N/A              |
| <b>25 Sep</b> | William B      | Wallace W & Charlie H | N/A              |