



# *Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church*

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Year C

18 September 2016 at 10:45

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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**

## **Choral Introit**

## **Call to Worship** *(from Ephesians 4:4-6)*

*We have come together as one.*

**One people, gathered in the name of the one God.**

*We will worship together as one.*

**One community, giving praise and honor to the Righteous One.**

*We are being empowered as one by the One who created us all.*

**One body and one Spirit, called to the hope of one calling,**

*one Lord, one faith, one baptism,*

**one God and Father of all who is above all and through all and in all.**

*Now, in the name of the Three-in-One, we act as one.*

**One people in worship, giving witness to the power of the One God.**

## **Opening Prayer**

*Creator God, source of all truth and wisdom, who knows and loves the whole creation, watch over our nation: that truth may prevail over distortion, wisdom triumph over recklessness and the concerns of every person be heard.*

*Lord Jesus, who chose the way of the cross in the Garden of Gethsemane, help us to turn our backs on self interest and to support policies that*

*sustain the poor, the vulnerable and the frightened people of this world.*

*Holy Spirit, who brought understanding among myriad peoples and languages at Pentecost, give to all your people a passion for peace and inspire us to work for unity and co-operation throughout the world and in our political life together. **Amen.***

†**Hymn 396:** *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

†**Call to Confession**

*We are broken vessels that hold no water, yet God is gracious to us.  
(Jeremiah 2:13) Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.*

†**Prayer of Confession**

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

†**Declaration of Forgiveness**

*As a potter holds a piece of clay, God holds and shapes our lives.  
(Jeremiah 18:6) In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*  
**Thanks be to God.**

†**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.*

**+ + + 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.*

**First Reading:** *Genesis 4:3-9 (NRSV)*

*In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it."*

*Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let us go out to the field." And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel, and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?"*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Choral Anthem**

**Children's Time**

**Gospel Reading:** *John 18:33-36 (NRSV)*

*Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt

**†Hymn 346:** *For the Healing of the Nations*

**†Prayers of the People**

*God of all nations, we thank you today for the land in which we live, for political leaders on both sides of the aisle who genuinely work for equitable resources and compassion for all people.*

*We confess how often we are tempted to leave politics to politicians, forgetting that your politics calls each of us to work toward making our communities more closely resemble your peaceful kingdom.*

*Forgive us for our lack of creativity in sharing our nation's bounties inequitably, for tarnishing our political process with greed, for failing the least of these in our communities.*

*Lead us instead act in firm faith that we are indeed our brothers' and our sisters' keeper. Help us to work for peace in a world which seems to prefer violence. Help us to learn generosity with our resources, but help us especially to learn how to be generous in our attitudes and behaviors toward people.*

*Most of all, may we hold dear for **all** people the freedoms we cherish.*

*We pray your blessings today on those people and places that weigh on our hearts, especially...*

*Be with them, and be with us as we seek to do the work of your kingdom, praying for its advent as Jesus 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**

*God has called us to do good, to be rich in good works, generous and ready to share. With gratitude to the giver of life, let us offer our lives to the Lord. (1 Timothy 6:13, 18)*

†**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.**

†**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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

**God of all good gifts, you bless us with so much to share. Use the gift of our money and the gifts of our lives to bring your healing and hope, your justice and peace to our neighbors, near and far. Amen.**

**+ + + SENDING + + +**

†**Hymn 378:** *We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom*

†**Charge and Blessing**

*From where we are to where you need us.*

**Christ be beside us.**

*From what we are to what you can make of us,*

**Christ be before us.**

*From the mouthing of generalities to making signs of your kingdom.*

**Christ be beneath us.**

*Through the streets of this world to the gates of heaven.*

**Christ be above us.**

*Surround us with your presence, inspire us with your purpose, confirm us in your love.*

**Amen.**

*Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

**Alleluia! 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

**Youth Group** will meet this Wednesday (21 September) for Frisbee Golf. (leader: John M / Paul B). Join us at 6:30 for dinner and golf at 7:00.

**Nurture Committee** will meet briefly this morning immediately following worship to finalize plans for the fall retreat.

**Fall Retreat** is in 1.5 weeks at beautiful Holston Center in Banner Elk, NC. Make plans to join us, and see Kimra C. to sign up.

**Stated Session Meeting** will be next Sunday evening (25 September) at 7:00 following Bennie's recital and dinner. (Devotion: **Charlie H**)

**Bennie's Recital** will be next Sunday afternoon, 25 September, at 4:00pm in the sanctuary, followed by a light covered dish fellowship downstairs. Don't miss this afternoon of wonderful music!

## This Week at TRPC

Wednesday, 21 September	19th Sunday after Pentecost (25 Sep)	Food Bank & Sam's Purse (September)
6:30 – Dinner 7:00 – Frisbee Golf	Revelation 19:11-20:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pasta (FB)</li> <li>• Ziplock baggies &amp; hard candy (SP)</li> </ul>

## Worship Leadership

Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Communion
18 Sep	Kenton C	Gary M & Charlie H	N/A
25 Sep	William B	Wallace W & Charlie H	N/A
2 Oct	Kenton C	Doyle E & Charlie H	Zelma E
9 Oct	Blair S	Will E & Charlie H	N/A
16 Oct	Wallace W	Doug R & Charlie H	N/A