



Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church

19th Sunday after Pentecost, Year C

25 September 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 91)

We dwell in the shelter of the Most High, and rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

The Lord is our refuge and our fortress, our God in whom we trust.

Let us worship God who will answer when we call.

We will worship the God of our salvation!

Opening Prayer

*O Living God of past and future, we praise you for this present moment. Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit, that our strength may be renewed to sing a new song of your glory in a world which longs for your justice and peace. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, in whom we become your new creation. **Amen.***

†Hymn 268: Crown Him With Many Crowns

†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

God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. You are faithful in your promise, but we fail to keep

your word. You offer us the gift of peace, but we remain captive in our fear. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out your mercy upon us, heal our troubled hearts, and lead us to walk in your light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: Revelation 19:11-20:15 (abridged)

Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse! Its rider is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems; and he has a name inscribed that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, wearing fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron; he will tread the wine press of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name inscribed, "King of kings and Lord of lords."

Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly in midheaven, "Come, gather for the great supper of God..." Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against the rider on the horse and against his army. And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and threw him into the pit, and locked and sealed it over him, so that he would deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be let out for a little while.

Then I saw thrones, and those seated on them were given authority to judge. I also saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony to Jesus and for the word of God. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

When the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison and will come out to deceive the nations at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, in order to gather them for battle; they are as numerous as the sands of the sea. They marched up over the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from heaven and consumed them. And the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur.

Then I saw a great white throne and the one who sat on it; the earth and the heaven fled from his presence, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Also another book was opened, the book of life. And the dead were judged according to their works, as recorded in the books. And the sea gave up the dead that were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and all were judged according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Children's Time

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt

†**Hymn 362:** *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers!*

†Prayers of the People

Sovereign God, Lord of all creation, we read images in Revelation of fire and death, destruction and despair, but the truth is those images seem all too similar to the reality faced by many of your children around the world.

Countering such hopelessness, though, we see promises of your kingdom, the end of tears and sadness. Lord, help us to put our hope, our trust, in those promises. Moreover, help us to be agents of that hope, working in our families and our communities to make the places around us more closely reflect that promise.

We pray for the promise of your kingdom in the places around us today defaced by the crumbling empires of greed and selfishness. For all whose image of your creation is marred by pain and suffering

Your kingdom come; Your will be done

For those who wake each morning to shellfire and destruction

Your kingdom come; Your will be done

For children dispossessed of childhood and transformed into soldiers

Your kingdom come; Your will be done

For orphans wandering lonely roads to uncertain futures

Your kingdom come; Your will be done

For each persecuted family carrying your Cross

Your kingdom come; Your will be done

For those people and places that weigh on our hearts, especially...

...For these and for our unspoken prayers and hopes,

Your kingdom come; Your will be done

Hear us now as we continue to pray for your kingdom as Jesus taught us, saying...

†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 275: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

†Charge and Blessing

*When you no longer know how to be,
May the one who created you take you on your deeper journey.
When you no longer know what to do,
May the Spirit reveal to you your fitting task.
When all feels lost or foreign,
May you know your home in Christ.*

*On the path that is before you,
May you have companions for the journey,
May you find Christ in the stranger,
And may you know the love and blessing of God.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of 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

Youth Group will **NOT** meet this Wednesday (28 September) due to the Fall Retreat at Holston Center.

Fall Retreat is next weekend at beautiful Holston Center in Banner Elk, NC. Make plans to join us, and see Kimra C. to sign up. The theme for this year's retreat will be "water" (hopefully paralleling some of the PW Bible study for the year and our VBS study). Please think about a story having to do with water that is meaningful to you in some way. We will have an opportunity to reflect on these stories and to share them if so desired.

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

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

Olivia Marengo has been settled in Glasgow, UK for nearly a month, and is enjoying her work with the Church House Project in Bridgeton. Throughout her year abroad, Olivia will be posting about her

experiences on her blog at <http://livfully.wordpress.com> and invites her church family to follow along.

Yard Sale Fundraiser will be Saturday, 8 October, at the Glenwood Elementary School parking lot. If you have items to donate or are able to help with the sale, please see **Amy C.**

This is the LAST WEEK for September Food Bank and Samaritan's Purse Items. Please bring your September items in ASAP so they may be delivered to the Food Bank this week.

This Week at TRPC

| Wednesday, 28 September | 20th Sunday after Pentecost (2 Oct) | Food Bank & Sam's Purse (September) |
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| No Mid-Week Activities | Jim Mays preaching | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pasta (FB) • Ziplock baggies & hard candy (SP) |

Worship Leadership

| Date | Acolyte | Ushers | Communion |
|--------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 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 |
| 23 Oct | William B | Wallace W & Charlie H | N/A |