



Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church

22nd Sunday after Pentecost, Year C
16 October 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 (Micah 6:6-8)

With what shall we come before the Lord? What shall we bring into the presence of our God, as an expression of our worship and praise?

Shall we bring God all that we own—our finest possessions, our life-savings, our investments and property? Would God be satisfied if we brought everything we possess?

No, that's not what God is looking for. God has shown you, O mortal, what is good, and what the Lord requires of you:

To do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly before the Lord.

†Opening Hymn: How Shall I Come Before the Lord? (Micah 6:6-8)

Tune #302: O Waly, Waly

from United Methodist Hymnal

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*How shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself with heart outpoured?*

*And shall I come with offering?
What shall I give? What shall I bring?*

*Will finest gifts bring God delight?
Will wealth bring favor in God's sight?*

*What must we be? What must we do?
What does the Lord require of you?*

*Let justice shine in all your ways.
Let loving-kindness rule your days,
That, as this earthly path you trod,
You shall walk humbly with your 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: Matthew 20:1-16 (NRSV)

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they

received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Children's Time

Second Reading: *Matthew 22:34-40 (NRSV)*

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt

†Hymn 316: *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

†Prayers of the People

Lord, we confess that figuring out how to love is difficult. Or maybe it's actually living out that love we find so hard to do... Being kind toward people who have hurt us, Working and praying for their welfare, Seeking justice for others Even if it means less for us.

Teach us what it means to work for your kind of justice, To love mercy, To walk humbly in our journey before you and alongside others.

Open our eyes to opportunities to practice love of neighbor. Help us to see those in need, those in pain, around us, And to be signs of your love, Your compassion, through our hands and our presence...

Hear us especially as we lift up...

Free us and inspire us to love all persons, those whom we would deem unlovable, and those whom we find it easy to love. Help us love ourselves, respecting ourselves in gratitude for the gifts you have given to us; then move us to use these gifts in service to you.

We ask these things in the name of Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray and work for your kingdom daily as we say together...

†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. With what you see before us, God, we demonstrate our deepest love. Receive our gifts – our very best – as tokens of our commitment

to love you and to love others. May these gifts be the blessing to others that they have been for us. Amen.

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†Hymn 697: *Take My Life*

†Charge and Blessing

*May God be the **road** on which you travel:*

God the mountains on which you are tested and challenged;

God the wells at which you find healing and peace.

*May Christ be the **light** by which you travel:*

He the vision which informs and enlarges you;

He the star shining in your darkest nights.

*And may the Spirit **inspire** you as you travel:*

She the restlessness driving you onwards;

She the stillness leading you to the heart of God.

May the Holy One,

the Creator, the Love, the Sustaining Presence

go with you as you travel;

and at the last bring you safe to the heavenly country,

that your journey may begin, continue, and end in love.

this day, and every day. 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 at 6:30 **at Olympia Lanes** for bowling and pizza.

Session Meeting – Session members please note that we will have a called meeting on Sunday, 30 October, at 7:00pm to discuss matters

related to ministerial transition. We will be joined by Rich Fifield, Holston executive presbyter, to help guide us through the process.

Baby Shower for Meme Exum will be next Sunday (23 October) at 3:00pm at the church. Meme and Will have lots of Schuyler's baby items, but would be especially grateful for diapers or gift cards to put toward diapers.

Olivia Marenco has been settled in Glasgow, UK for over 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.

Congregational Meeting and Reception – Brian, Sarah, and Wallace's last Sunday with us will be November 6. The Nurture Committee is planning a lunch and reception after church to celebrate Brian's 11 years of ministry with us.

This Week at TRPC

Wednesday, 19 October	23rd Sunday after Pentecost (23 Oct)	Food Bank & Sam's Purse (October)
6:30 – Bowling and pizza at Olympia Lanes	Acts 2:43-47	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hamburger Helper or Tuna Helper (FB) • Shoeboxes (SP)

Worship Leadership

Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Communion
16 Oct	William B	Wallace W & Charlie H	N/A
23 Oct	Wallace W	Doug R & Charlie H	N/A
30 Oct	Kenton C	Blair S & Charlie H	N/A
6-Nov	Wallace W	John M & Charlie H	Vicki T
13-Nov	Blair S	Charles B & Charlie H	N/A