



Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church

23rd Sunday after Pentecost, Year C
23 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

Come with your questions, come with your awe!

For the God who broods over the chaos meets us in this place.

Come with your energy, come with your weariness!

For the God who breathes new life into the dust meets us in this place.

Come with your sadness, come with your joy!

For the God who dared to become human meets us in this place.

Opening Prayer

All-knowing God, we gather together with praise and thanksgiving for who you are, and for all that you have done for us. You know us better than we know ourselves—all our thoughts and actions—and yet you love us still. No matter where we go or what we do, your love encircles us—ahead and behind—gently leading and guiding and blessing. May your Spirit move in our hearts and minds as we worship together—examine our attitudes and actions, lay bare the things we need to confess, challenge us with your Word, and guide us on to paths that lead to life. For we are your people, called by your name. Amen.

†Opening Hymn 28: You Are Before Me, Lord

†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.*

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:43-47 (NRSV)

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Children's Time

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt

†Hymn 833: O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

†Prayers of the People

Transforming God, we gather here Sunday mornings, keep coming back here to hear stories and share a meal and be together in fellowship, we

do that week after week because we believe, we trust, that you are still at work transforming the world, and transforming us.

We confess that we don't always see the change you work for, not even in our own lives. Even more so, we don't always welcome that change, that transformation, especially if it means our own comfort, our way of doing things, may be jeopardized.

Help us be open to seeing your work in our own lives. Help us be willing to embrace your guidance, even if it takes us in new directions. Because, Lord, we know that you are not just about the business of transforming us, but inviting us to join you in transforming the world.

Our prayer this morning is that you would not lose faith in us, not give up on us, but continue working through us to remake the world. Open our eyes to your work in our lives and to the work we are needed to join in our community.

We want to be a blessing to those around us, so, Lord, show us how we can be your hands and feet to those we love and those we don't. But especially this morning we pray for...

...be a blessing to them and continue to use us to bless others, we pray. Join our efforts to those of others that together we may work to bring your kingdom to this world a little more every day, praying as Jesus taught us 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.

Loving God, we come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all we are and all we have is a gift from you.

In faith and love, help us to do your will. Speak your words into the depths of our souls, that we may hear you clearly.

We offer to you this day all the facets of our lives, whether it be at home, at work, or at school –to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy.

Give us the wisdom and insight to understand your will for us and the fervor to carry out our good intentions.

We offer our gifts of time, talent and possessions to you as a true act of faith, to reflect our love for you and our neighbor.

Help us to reach out to others as you our God have reached out to us. Amen.

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†**Hymn 726: The Summons**

†**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 the church for dinner and to sort, pack, and wrap shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. As in past years, if you can bring scissors and tape for wrapping, that would be helpful. Coordinators are **Vicki T and Lee Anne S.**

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 **this afternoon** (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.

UNICEF Trick-or-Treat will be **next** Sunday afternoon (30 October). Please pull out your costume and help us raise money for the United Nations Children's Fund. More details in next Sunday's bulletin.
Coordinator: **Amy C.**

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, 26 October	24rd Sunday after Pentecost (30 Oct)	Food Bank & Sam's Purse (October)
6:30 – Dinner and Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes	Jim Mays preaching Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hamburger Helper or Tuna Helper (FB) • Shoeboxes (SP)

Worship Leadership

Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Communion
23 Oct	Wallace W	Doug R & Charlie H	N/A
30 Oct	William B	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
20-Nov	William B	John M & Charlie H	Amy C