



**Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church**  
First Sunday in Lent, Year A  
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12 March 2017 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**

1. Acolyte for Mar. 12 is William. acolyte for Mar. 19 is Blaire
2. Turn in shoe box paperwork
3. The foodbank item for Mar. is pasta and or rice
4. The shoebox item for Feb. was scarves, gloves, hats. For March, it is accessories: sunglasses, jewelry, headbands, watches, etc.

**Choral Introit**

**Call to Worship** (*Isaiah 58:6-8*)

Is this not the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice;

**to share your bread with the hungry;**

to bring the homeless poor into your house;

**when you see the naked to clothe them?**

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

**and your healing shall spring up quickly.**

**Opening Prayer** (*A Litany for Lent*)

**O Christ, out of your fullness we have all received grace upon  
grace. You are our eternal hope; you are patient and full of mercy;  
you are generous to all who call upon you.**

**Save us, Lord. Amen.**

**†Hymn 12: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

**†Call to Confession**

**†Prayer of Confession**

God of Glory, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride and by insecurity. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

**†Declaration of Forgiveness**

Unison response: **Amen.**

**†The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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

**Minute for Mission**

One Great Hour of Sharing

**†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:**

John 15: 1-14

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Choral Anthem**

**Sermon:**

Abiding

**†Hymn 829: "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"**

**Prayers of the People**

**Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

**+ + + LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST + + +**

**Offering**

**†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 Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God forever.**

**+ + + SENDING + + +**

**†Hymn 634: "To God Be the Glory"**

**†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 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.**