



**Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church**  
Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A  
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14 April 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 May 14 is Blair. Kenton is acolyte on May 21.
2. The foodbank item for May is crackers. A collection box and a list are in the narthex.
3. The Samaritan's purse item for May is Hygiene items. A collection box and a list are in the narthex.
4. Jim Mays will be the preacher for May 14 and 21.
5. The Christian Education Committee will meet Sunday, May 21 at 9:30 a.m. (regular Sunday School time) to discuss plans for our proposed one-day VBS. If you are interested in helping with this exciting project, but not on this committee, please join us. We would love insights, ideas, and hands-on from as many as possible.

**Choral Introit**

**Call to Worship** (*Psalm 31: 5-4*)

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints and give thanks to his holy name

**FOR HIS ANGER IS BUT FOR A MOMENT, AND HIS FAVOR IS FOR A LIFETIME.**

Weeping may tarry for the night,  
**BUT JOY COMES IN THE MORNING.**

### **Opening Prayer:**

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through. Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

†**Hymn 275:** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

### †**Call to Confession:**

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. Let us confess our sin.

### †**Prayer of Confession:**

**GOD OF GLORY, YOU SENT JESUS AMONG US AS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, TO REVEAL YOUR LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE. WE CONFESS THAT OUR SIN AND PRIDE HIDE THE BRIGHTNESS OF YOUR LIGHT. WE TURN AWAY FROM THE POOR; WE IGNORE CRIES FOR JUSTICE; WE DO NOT STRIVE FOR PEACE. IN YOUR MERCY, CLEANSE US OF OUR SIN, AND BAPTIZE US ONCE AGAIN WITH YOUR SPIRIT, THAT, FORGIVEN AND RENEWED, WE MAY SHOW FORTH YOUR GLORY SHINING IN THE FACE OF JESUS CHRIST. AMEN.**

### †**Declaration of Forgiveness:**

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### †**The Peace** (from *1 Peter 1:18-19, 22*)

Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. My peace I give to you." The peace of Christ be with you.

**AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

So, let us share the peace 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 17: 22-28

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Choral Anthem**

**Children's Time**

**Sermon:**

†**Hymn 729:** "Lord, I Want to be a Christian"

**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** (*Psalms 117*)

Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.

**For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD  
endures forever.**

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

†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.**

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your boundless love shown in Jesus Christ, for the gift of grace, and for the hope of glory.

**Amen.**

**+ + + SENDING + + +**

†Hymn 624: "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

†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.

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