

Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Year A <u>http://www.lectionarypage.net/index.html</u> 23 July 2017 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

- 1. The foodbank item for July is powdered milk.
- 2. The Samaritan's purse item for July is clothing items.
- 3. Sunday School, 9:30 am, study of the Book of Acts.
- 4. Intercessory Prayer Group, Thursday afternoons at 1:30, in the fellowship hall. Do you have a heart for prayer? Please join in. Do you have a prayer request? Please share your request during worship today or leave a written note in the offering plate.
- 5. Upcoming outreach/service event: Wednesday, August 9, preparing supplemental supply boxes for the classrooms of Glenwood, 6:30pm in the fellowship hall
- 6. Session meeting, Wednesday, July 26, 6:30
- 7. If you would like to add a rock to the pile in the basket (either silently or sharing a few words) to celebrate God making his presence and faithfulness known in a special way, you are invited to do so during the announcement time.

Choral Introit Call to Worship (*Psalm 139*)

Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? OR WHITHER SHALL I FLEE FROM THY PRESENCE? If I ascend into heaven thou art there! IF I MAKE MY BED IN SHEOL, THOU ART THERE! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

EVEN THERE THY HAND SHALL LEAD ME, AND THY RIGHT HAND SHALL HOLD ME.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us

pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **AMEN.**

†Hymn 39: "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

†Call to Confession (Romans 5:8)

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

†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 (*1 Timothy 1:15*)

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

†The Peace

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.**

+ + + 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:

Genesis 24: 1-15

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Children's Time

Sermon:

†Hymn 482: "Baptized in Water"

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 (1 Timothy 6:17-18)

Paul wrote to Timothy:

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

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 (1 Timothy 6:15-16)

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see:

To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

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†Hymn 187: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

†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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The congregation of Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church extends a warm welcome to all who are joining in worship this morning for the first time or the first time in a long time. Sunday school meets before worship at 9:30am, downstairs in the fellowship hall. The choir is not meeting for rehearsals during the summer, but normally rehearses on Sunday afternoons. The next meeting of the Presbyterian Women will be the first Monday evening in August. An intercessory prayer group meets in the fellowship hall on Thursday afternoons at 1:30pm. An outreach/service event is planned for Wednesday, August 9. You are invited.

+ + + INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST (7/23/17) + + +

Prayer Requests

Sandra Carter - healing from cancer Johanna - comfort, wisdom, and provision Lori Askew - treatment began 6/26 Negetha - healing Ethan Self - truth and justice in appeal process Outreach events ("Feed My Sheep") Ramsey Cutshaw (and his family, including Sherry Cutshaw Hood) - cancer treatment beginning Chesney - God's protection and favor Travel mercies for the many who are traveling Wanda - surgery on 7/21 Carmen Weems - now named "Wonder Woman" due to surviving shotgun injuries Family of Blaine Banther (age 17) - mourning his tragic death on 7/8 People on mission trip to Kenya

<u>Praise Reports</u> Anonymous - a divine appointment Johanna is feeling safe again for the first time in a long time Sandra's surgery went well Speakers Ken Martin and Jerry Cohen - messages of enjoying your relationship with God; things don't matter "God takes care of our vehicles"

***A prayer request will generally be kept on the printed list for two weeks, unless there is a specific request that it continue.

+ + + OUTREACH UPDATE + + +

A combined meeting of Nurture, Youth, and Outreach Committees met on June 14th to discuss ways that we can be of service to our community. It was shared that, through prayer, an answer of "Feed My Sheep" came from the question, "Lord, what is it you want TRPC to do?" From this, the group came to the conclusion that we reach out to the Glenwood School family - teachers and students.

Gift bags for the teachers will be delivered to them soon! We would also like to be able to supply each classroom with the supplies they need to help students.

We hope this will lead us to the next step of service: HOW to feed the sheep. This doesn't necessarily mean food! We would LOVE to have everyone who feels called to help in some way. Please consider helping in any way. Should you choose to donate, please write "Glenwood" in the memo on your check or place cash in envelope marked "Glenwood". THANK YOU!