



Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church
Fifth Sunday in Lent, Year A
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29 March 2020

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.

Announcements

1. In response to CDC recommendations to help delay the spread of the coronavirus, all of Timber Ridge's church-related gatherings, including Sunday morning worship, have been suspended until further notice.
2. Each Sunday, worship resources and a message from Pastor Chris will be posted on Timber Ridge's Facebook page and website. They will be provided in another format to those who do not have internet access. Though we cannot gather together for worship, we can worship in our homes in ways that recall and celebrate our unity and community. We remain surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses!
3. Daily meditations from Pastor Chris are also available on the Facebook page and website.
4. Begin worship by observing a few moments of silent reflection to quiet heart and mind before God and to notice ways God's presence and faithfulness have been made known to you in the last week. Please email or call Pastor Chris to add what you have noticed to the prayer list so that we all might be edified and encouraged.

Call to Worship (*Psalm 103:8*)

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Minute for Mission

(We continue to prepare for the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering, which is normally received on Easter Sunday. The Minute for Mission for today is appended.)

+ + + LITURGY OF THE WORD + + +

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us, by your Word, through these forty days of Lent and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 130

Sermon:

Israel's Prayer Book

Prayers of the People

(Our prayers matter. Take some time for intercessory prayer.)

(Timber Ridge's prayer list is provided on the last page of this document.)

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As we pour out our hearts in prayer, O God, lead us to pour out our lives in service to you—ever seeking your will, ever following your way.

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** (*Philippians 3:7-8*)

What was true for the Apostle Paul is also true for us:

All that we seek to accomplish, all that we strive to achieve, all that we claim to possess—all of this amounts to nothing without knowing and trusting and following Jesus.

Doxology

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

God of compassion, take our offerings, and use them and us for your purposes, in the name of our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

Blessing

May the peace of God guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

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Session: Charles Brumley (2020; clerk of session), Marilyn Brumley (2021; receiving treasurer), Hannah Crocker (2020), April Marengo (2022), Beth Morrell (2022), John Morrell (2021).

Sandra Carter is the disbursing treasurer.

Charlie Harmon is the choir director.

Beth Morrell is the assistant choir director.

****Though we are not meeting together for now, the ministry and mission of Timber Ridge continues. Please continue to give as the Lord leads, so that Timber Ridge can meet expenses and have resources to help in time of need. Tithes and offerings can be mailed directly to the receiving treasurer, Marilyn Brumley.**

+ + + INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST (3/29/19) + + +

Prayer Requests

Charlie H. - health
Vicki T. – health
Ashton – health concerns
Negetha - health & well-being
Ethan S. – court hearing postponed
Tenisha - health
Margie L. - health & well-being
Edwina C. - health & well-being
Tony B. - health & well-being
Doyle E. - health
Zelma's sister Judy - health
James W. - health
Ed B. (Beth's dad) - health/well-being
Ken & Inge H. - health
Alexis S. - continuing health issues
Family & friends grieving deaths – Jimmy Jones
Kortnee – serenity and patience
Eloise (Phil's aunt) - on hospice
Benjamin – just had more surgery
Robert – doing pretty well right now
Brian – receiving treatment
Ronnie C. – receiving treatments
Julie T. (Chris' niece) – receiving treatments
Brown (friend of Sandra) – receiving treatments

Praise Reports

Gratitude for sunshine and Sonshine
Thankful for those with the knowledge and willingness to help facilitate online communications
Charlie has been declared cancer-free!
Benjamin's gall bladder surgery went well.

Vicki's mom – health concerns
Joanne H. – health
Alexis – improving
Lee (Negetha's nephew) – healing
Classmate of Blair's – non-Hodgkins lymphoma
Local person facing deportation to Philippines, where home was destroyed by recent earthquake
Robin – pain level is very high
Joe S. – health
14-year-old – had surgery 3/20
A friend with ailing pets and other troubles
Allergy season sufferers
Caregivers
All aspects of the coronavirus pandemic, especially those who are ill, those who are mourning, those who are afraid, those who have been displaced, those whose jobs or activities have been disrupted, those who were already in crisis before this crisis even started, those locked down in residential facilities and prisons, those whose jobs put them at increased risk, those involved in health care, and those who have leadership responsibilities

Please email or phone new prayer requests and praise reports, as well as updates, to Pastor Chris so that they can be added to this list. Thanks!

5 MINUTE FOR MISSION

TOGETHER, WE BECOME THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD.

Before a hunger emergency struck Somalia, Hawo Abdi and her husband were successful herders near their country's border with Kenya.

However, two years of intensive drought parched the land to the point that they could no longer raise the camels, cattle, sheep and goats that supported them. As her family faced economic ruin, Abdi's husband died. She was two months pregnant with the couple's fifth child.

Desperate to feed her children, Abdi felt she had no choice but to make the two-day journey to a camp for internally displaced persons to ensure the safety of her four young children and unborn child. Against the background of Somalia's civil war, the journey was fraught with danger, including the possibility of attack from armed groups and assault.

"We had nothing to take with us, and we had to beg for water," she says.

Abdi's mission to bring her children to a safe refuge was successful. Now she and her children receive a monthly allocation of rice, beans, cooking oil and sugar that One Great Hour of Sharing gifts help provide.

While their day-to-day life remains difficult, Abdi and her children, including her new baby, are safe and nourished. "The food aid has improved the living conditions of my family," she says. "I was able to feed my starving children."

Sadly, Abdi's story is not unique. According to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, 5.4 million people in Somalia are food insecure, and another 2.6 million people are displaced. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) partners with Kaalmo Relief and Development to provide food aid to people in the camp. "We are very grateful for your contribution," says Mohamed Ahmed Iriri, Kaalmo's director. "It will help us a lot in fighting the hunger and poverty affecting our people in Somalia."

One Great Hour of Sharing gifts are helping to address famine and extreme hunger through PC(USA) partners in other countries, including Northern Nigeria, South Sudan and Yemen. These partners help with emergency food assistance and address the underlying causes of hunger and homelessness for the millions of people struggling to maintain their very existence.

In Isaiah 58, the prophet calls us to be "repairers of the breach, restorers of streets to live in," to care for the hungry, the weak and the vulnerable. Through One Great Hour of Sharing, we extend shelter to those who have no place to stay, food to those who are hungry and compassion to those who have pain—be it physical, emotional or spiritual. Together, we become the household of God; and all are welcome. Won't you join us with a gift to One Great Hour of Sharing? Because when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Let us pray:

God of refuge, gather us
into your household.

Under your roof, let us meet together
at your table of grace
to be fed with good food.

Grant us the dream of your world
where all are fed, all are housed
and all have the dignity
you granted from the beginning.

May our gifts begin to build
this dream.

Amen.