



Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday, Year A

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5 April 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. To help slow the spread of the coronavirus, all of Timber Ridge's church-related gatherings have been suspended until further notice. Each Sunday, worship resources and a message from Pastor Chris will be posted on Timber Ridge's Facebook page and website and provided in another format to those who do not have internet access.
2. Daily meditations from Pastor Chris are also available on the Facebook page and website.
3. **This Easter you can help flower the cross! The cross will be set up outside of the sanctuary. Any time Easter Sunday, please come by and place some flowers on the cross. Remember to practice social distancing; please wait in your car or come back later if someone else is at the cross when you arrive.**
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 (*Psalms 118:26*)

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Opening Prayer

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ, who entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Grant that we may follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom; 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:

Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon:

Palm Sunday during Pandemic

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.

**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.

Food Bank: April -- Peanut butter
Samaritan's Purse: April -- Stuffed animals

+ + + INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST (4/5/19) + + +

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 – Eloise
Moldenhauer, Larry Painter, Ed
Shakelford
Kortnee – well-being and recovery
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

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

Praise Reports

Gratitude for sunshine and Sonshine
Charlie has been declared cancer-free!
Thanks for Laura and Ken who are facilitating online communications

Please email/phone (or post on the online forum) new prayer requests and praise reports, as well as updates, to Pastor Chris so that they can be added to this list. Thanks!

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5 MINUTE FOR MISSION

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING GIFTS CONTINUE LONG-TERM RECOVERY FROM HURRICANE MARIA

Who could forget the devastation after Hurricane Maria swept across Puerto Rico in 2017? Certainly not Mimita Nieves. Eighteen months later she was still living without electricity.

Mimita did the best she could. She got along on canned food and powdered milk, and fresh vegetables when she could get them. She cooked on a small propane stove and lit her home with solar lights that she charged during the day. A friend lent her a battery-powered radio that served as her main source of information.

The hurricane wrecked the electrical grid across Puerto Rico. Complicating things for Mimita, the storm also destroyed her home's electrical wiring. Mimita lives on Vieques [vee-ek-es], a small island eight miles east of the Puerto Rico mainland. No highway connects the mainland and Vieques, so most transportation for both people and cargo to the island is via ferry boat or airplane. Due to its lack of accessibility, Vieques lagged behind in the restoration of housing, infrastructure and basic services.

Her situation did not change until the day Presbyterian volunteers knocked on her door. The volunteers replaced her electrical system with one much safer and more durable, built her a new fence and hauled away storm debris that had been in her yard for months. One Great Hour of Sharing gifts provided the materials they used to make the repairs. As a senior citizen with limited income, Mimita never would have been able to afford a contractor to do the work and feels blessed for the help she received.

When her lights came on, Nieves was overcome with gratitude for Presbyterians. "I cried," she says. "I got down on my knees and I cried."

Mimita's house also got a much-needed roof installed by an organization called Hope Builders, an organization which will now be able to rebuild more roofs in Vieques using gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing.

One Great Hour of Sharing gifts are also at work in impoverished communities in San Juan, Puerto Rico's capital and largest city, helping organizations like the G-8, a community-based nonprofit group. The G-8, has rebuilt more than 100 roofs in eight communities near the Martín Peña Channel.

A sister organization to the G-8, the Martín Peña Channel Land Trust, has taken even more steps to protect the residents. The land trust acquired the property and residents are applying for surface-rights deeds to their houses.

The programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing—Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People and the Presbyterian Hunger Program—unite us in caring for the hungry, the weak and the vulnerable. Together, we work to become as Isaiah said, "repairers of the breach, restorers of streets to live in"—for as we always say, if we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Let us pray:

May your restoring grace

and power to repair

overwhelm destruction and

undo all harm.

Make us instruments,

through the gifts we make this day,

in meeting the needs

of those who suffer.

Amen.