



Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church
Resurrection of the Lord Sunday, Year A
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12 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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Prayer

O God, we give you thanks for the new life you raise up in us through the mystery of our baptism—the sorrow of the heavy cross, the surprise of the empty tomb, the love that defeated death. By the power of your Holy Spirit, fill us with the joy of resurrection, so that we may be a living sign of your new heaven and new earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon:

He Is Risen Indeed!

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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Receive all these prayers, O God, in the tenderness of your mighty hand, and strengthen our hands to serve you.

+ + + LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST + + +

Offering** (*Psalms 24:1*)

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

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

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.

Holy Communion

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 (4/12/19) + + +

Prayer Requests

Charlie H. – continued recovery
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 –
Kortnee – pneumonia
Benjamin – recovering from 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
Jonafe – immigration issues
Robin – pain level is very high
Joe S. – hospice
14-year-old – had surgery 3/20
A friend with ailing pets and other troubles
Allergy season sufferers
Caregivers
Teresa – having aorta surgery soon
Baby Edward and his mom Mary - health
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
New baby Burkey – Edward Osborne Burkey born 4/4

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

BUILDING A HOUSEHOLD WITH THE SUFFERING AND VULNERABLE

If I asked you to close your eyes while I said the word “household,” what would come to mind?

Caring people?
A table with food, shared with family and friends?
Shelter?
Warmth?
Friendly voices?
Love?

Yes? Did I think of some of the same things you did?
I imagine we all think of many of these same things when we think about a household.

Yet there are many in this world who don’t enjoy those comforts that we may automatically think of when we hear that word. Household.

People like Mimita whose home and life in Puerto Rico were literally torn apart by Hurricane Maria.

Or like Abdi who lost her husband and had to trek for days with her small children through a war-torn region of Somalia to bring the family to a place where they could find food and shelter. Did I mention that she was pregnant at the time?

And Monica, whose day-to-day peace of mind was threatened by a predatory landlord who brought false charges against her time after time as he tried to evict her in order to rent her New Jersey apartment for more money.

What do you think these three women think when they hear the word “household?” Not comfort but perhaps discomfort. Not a hot meal but wondering where the next meal is coming from. Not shelter and warmth but sky above where once a roof had been.

But this is not the end of these stories, for where there is life, there is hope. Where God is, there is hope. Together, we become the household of God. Through One Great Hour of Sharing, we extend shelter to

those who have no place to stay, offer compassion to those who have pain—be it physical, emotional or spiritual—and we set a feast, with God, for those who lack access to enough food to eat. May we be called, as Isaiah said, to be “repairers of the breach.” To be the church in the world and active followers of our faith.

Through One Great Hour of Sharing, we are building a household with the suffering and the vulnerable—God’s household filled with love where everyone is welcome. Please give generously, for when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Let us pray:

*Bless our hands and our gifts,
O God.*

*Let them find the hands and gifts
of those in need of a place to call home.*

*May we be builders with
and not builders for.*

*May we be your people among,
and not people above.*

*May we be welcomed
into your household,
together with all people,
not as strangers or as guests,
but like your children,
finally at home.*

Amen.