

PRELUDE	<i>I Surrender All</i> Kerry Johnson, piano	C. Curry
*CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>Surely the Presence</i> <i>Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;</i> <i>I can feel His mighty power and His grace.</i> <i>I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;</i> <i>Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.</i>	L. Wolfe
*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER		Phil Kirk, Deacon
	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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen	
*PASSING OF THE PEACE		Phil Kirk
WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES		Trey Davis
	<i>Thank you for choosing to worship with us at The Ridge today! If you are visiting, please fill out one of the green cards on the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate at the end of the service. We're so glad to have you here, and we're grateful to know of your presence with us.</i>	
RESPONSIVE READING	<i>from Psalm 150</i>	Amy Kemp
	Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; Praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; Praise him for his surpassing greatness. Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, Praise him with the harp and lyre, Praise him with timbrel and dancing, Praise him with the strings and pipe, Praise him with the clash of cymbals, Praise him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.	
*HYMN 499	<i>Victory in Jesus</i>	HARTFORD
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-33</i>	Phil Kirk
	LEADER: These are the scriptures of God for the people of Christ. PEOPLE: May the Spirit grant us understanding.	

ANTHEM	<i>What Sweeter Music Can We Bring?</i>	R. Herrick & M.L. Lightfoot
MORNING PRAYER		Glenn Harder
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Ecclesiastes 3:1-11</i>	Audrey Davis
	LEADER: These are the scriptures of God for the people of Christ. PEOPLE: May the Spirit grant us understanding.	
*HYMN 487	<i>Knowing You</i>	KNOWING YOU
SERMON	<i>A Time to Sing</i>	Trey Davis
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Turn! Turn! Turn!</i> Amy Kemp & Kerry Johnson, vocals	P. Seeger
RESPONSIVE READING¹		Sue Johnson
	The music is playing, and God is calling. God speaks to our souls with music when words are not enough. Sacred tones uplift our spirits, assuage our fears, inspire us. We have come to sing and dance with God. The Spirit glides and sways, speaking the cadence of our hearts. The prayers are flowing, and Spirit is moving. Christ promises rest and renewal, when we come to him. We are here, trusting this holy promise: The music is playing, and God is calling.	
*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 96	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	FAITHFULNESS
	<i>During this hymn, we invite you to reflect upon your relationship with God and your commitment to Christian service. If you would like to make a commitment to Christ or to become a member of Ridge Road Baptist Church, we invite you to come forward to speak with a pastor.</i>	
*PASTORAL BENEDICTION		Trey Davis
	<i>As we go out into the world, we look for opportunities to share our blessings with others. If you would like to contribute to the ministry here at Ridge Road Baptist Church, offering plates are available on the altar up front for your gifts.</i>	
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 597	<i>Let It Be Said of Us</i>	FRY
POSTLUDE	<i>Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus</i>	C. Curry
	<i>*please stand as you are able</i>	

¹Adapted from Pacific Beach UMC & Abingdon Worship Annual and Discipleship Ministries UMC,
https://www.pbumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020-07-05_web.pdf.

Foushee Prayer Requests & Praises:

We will share more next month about Mr. Mori's baptism on Christmas Eve, but just know how grateful we are for your prayers for him and for Laura's leadership in his baptism preparation class this fall.

Thank you for your prayers for the new Bible study Carson began leading this month for two American men living in Kanazawa. Continue to pray for all three as they learn and grow together.

Pray for those who attended worship and activities in English and Japanese for the first time at Kanazawa Baptist Church this Christmas. Pray they know God's presence and return to journey in faith with us.



Packets of envelopes are available in the church office. The envelopes are non-dated, and have no names or numbers. If you would like a packet of the envelopes to keep at home for your use, please pick one up today. Thank you!

END OF YEAR GIVING REMINDER

A friendly reminder that all donations to be counted for the 2023 tax year must be received by **Sunday, December 31st**. Any items sent in the mail but be postmarked by Saturday, December 30th. Any donations brought to the church must be left by Sunday, December 31st. The Church office will be closed the first week of January.



Join us on Saturday, January 6, at 9:00 am to remove the Christmas decorations.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Church Members:

- Mary Carraway Phil Dickens
- Sharon Donald Betty Duke
- Bob & Jane Edwards Martha Flynn
- Patricia Lynn Linda Pleasants
- Helen Prevette Vic Rackley

Family and Friends:

- Linda Creech (mother of Paige Kay)
- Joel & Allison Cresimore
- Linda DeSchreiver (niece of Jane Edwards)
- Virginia Herran (sister of Jo Cresimore)
- John & Jennifer LeMay (daughter and son-in-law of Jo Cresimore)
- Ashley Lynn (niece of Patricia Lynn)
- Marygena Lynn (sister-in-law of Patricia Lynn)
- Martha Marcom (cousin of Patricia Lynn)
- Tommy Jenkins (former member)
- Patti Lingafelt (former member)
- Deb Johnson

DEACON OF THE DAY

Today.....Phil Kirk
Next Week (Jan. 7).....Linda Broughman

GIVING

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To receive our weekly digital newsletter, please email lmcoy@rrbch.com. It's the quickest and easiest way for us to let you know about all of different things going on here at the Ridge.



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