

PRELUDE *Morning Has Broken/Speak Lord* BUNESSON/N.Chavers
 Claudia Hinson, piano

***CALL TO WORSHIP HYMN 364** *Change My Heart, O God* CHANGE MY HEART

***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

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.

RESPONSIVE READING *Psalm 27* Sandra Jolly

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the defense of my life; whom shall I dread?

Though a host encamp against me, my heart will not fear; though war arise against me, in spite of this I shall be confident.

For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle;

In the secret place of His tent He will hide me; He will lift me up on a rock.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice, and be gracious to me and answer me.

When You said, "Seek My face," my heart said to You, "Your face, O Lord, I shall seek."

Teach me Your way, O Lord, and lead me in a level path because of my foes.

I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the Lord.

SPECIAL MUSIC *New Hymn* J. Taylor & R. Price

MORNING PRAYER Charlotte Craver

***HYMN 334** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* TRENTHAM

SCRIPTURE READING *2 Corinthians 5:1-9, 16-17; Mark 2:18-22* Phil Kirk

LEADER: These are the scriptures of God for the people of Christ.

PEOPLE: May the Spirit grant us understanding.

SERMON *Being The Ridge: Innovative* Trey Davis

SOLO *New Wine* B. Ligertwood
 Caroline Childrey, soprano

RESPONSIVE READING *adapted from "Walden" & Mark 2* Dick Heidgerd

Advance us, God, confidently in the direction of our dreams!

Spur us toward deep and true imagination,

To endeavor to live a life inspired,

To meet with success unexpected.

Help us, God, to put some things behind,

To pass the boundaries we cannot see,

To discover that solitude may not be solitude,

That weakness may not be weakness.

Show us, God, how and where to find new wineskins for new wine,

To embrace the new even as it pulls from the old.

We have built our castles in the air, and we pray our work need not be lost; that is where they should be.

Be our foundation under castle and cloud; that is how we should be.

RESPONSIVE OFFERING

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT 443** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* SCOTT

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.

***BENEDICTION** Trey Davis

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.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* SCOTT

*Silently now, I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
 Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

POSTLUDE *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* C. Tornquist

**please stand as you are able*

Our guest accompanist this morning is Claudia Hinson. Claudia has played piano for numerous churches in the Raleigh area, including frequently playing at Christ Baptist Church and North Raleigh UMC. She is currently teaching at Ravenscroft. Our guest soloist this morning is Caroline Childrey. Caroline is a sophomore at NCSU and a participant in our Monday night college study group. We appreciate the contributions of both Claudia and Caroline this morning to our worship experience!

Foushee Prayer Requests & Praises:

Continue to **pray** for our friend Hiro. He continues to share important life updates and surprisingly told Carson that he would like to bring his parents with him to our church the next time he is in town.

Pray for KIBC as we begin a dinner that will be held in our family's apartment on the first Sunday of each month. Pray specifically that our home will be a welcoming place for all to gather and rest.

The three Japan Baptist Convention churches in the Hokuriku region will gather at a retreat center October 8-9 in the mountains of Toyama Prefecture for a time of worship and fellowship. **Pray** that our time together will be uplifting and continue to bring us closer together as we carry the light of Christ in a difficult area of Japan for the Church.



Autumn Study: Sundays, Oct. 22 — Nov. 12 at noon

Immediately following worship today, stick around for lunch and a conversation about what makes Ridge Road distinctive among churches in Raleigh. Our sermon series over these weeks will parallel and form the foundation for our conversation.

Carving Party — Sunday, October 29 — 5:00 pm

Gather in our chapel to carve a jack-o-lantern just in time for Halloween. You bring the pumpkin; we'll supply a light supper, carving tools, and Halloween music.

Poinsettia Orders

It's time to order one or more poinsettias to decorate our Sanctuary for Advent. Order forms are in the pew pockets. We will be taking orders until Sunday, November 19th. The form allows you to list if your poinsettia is being given in honor or memory of someone.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Church Members: (*new addition)

Mary Carraway	Phil Dickens
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)
David Beck* (friend of Evelyn Alexander)

DEACON OF THE DAY

Today.....Phil Kirk
Next Week (Nov. 5).....Linda Broughman

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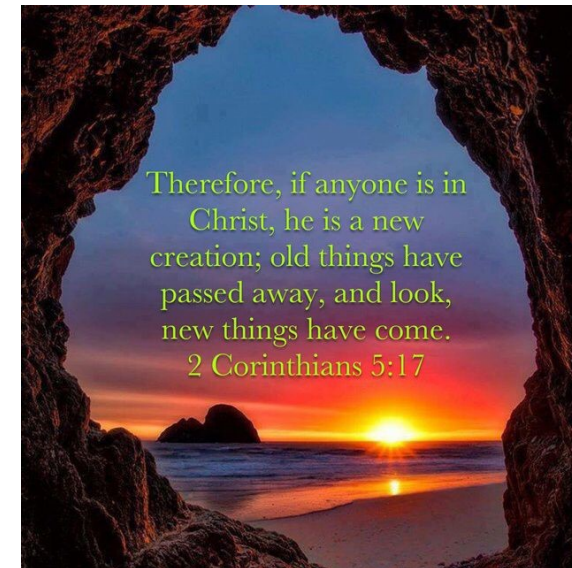
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SUNDAY, October 29, 2023



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come.
2 Corinthians 5:17

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