

PRELUDE *Solid Rock* arr. Larry Shackly

***CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP** *Holy Ground* Geron Davis

*We are standing on holy ground.
And I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now;
We are standing in His presence on holy ground.*

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER** Liz Peacock, 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** Liz Peacock

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 37:1-9, setting by Sara Hargraves* Liz Peacock

Don't worry about the wicked or envy those who do wrong. For like grass, they soon fade away. Like spring flowers, they soon wither.

Let's live God's way!

Trust in the Lord and do good. Then you will live safely in the land and prosper. Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you your heart's desires.

Let's live God's way!

Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust Him, and He will help you. He will make your innocence radiate like the dawn, and the justice of your cause will shine like the noonday sun.

Let's live God's way!

Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for Him to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes.

Let's live God's way!

Stop being angry! Turn from your rage! Do not lose your temper; it only leads to harm.

Let's live God's way!

For those who trust in the Lord will possess the land.

Let's live God's way! Trust in the Lord and do good!

MORNING PRAYER Glenn Harder

***HYMN 456** *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

SCRIPTURE READING *1 Samuel 16:1-13* Liz Peacock

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

PEOPLE: May the Spirit grant us understanding.

ANTHEM *O Great God* Bob Kauflin

SERMON *Laying Eyes Upon What's Next* Trey Davis

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT 71** *Holy Ground* Christopher Beatty

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.

***PASTORAL 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** *Eagles's Wings* Michael Joncas

*And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine as the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.*

POSTLUDE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* CORONATION

**please stand as you are able*



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

Immediately following worship, 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.

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.



**Yard Work Day — Saturday, October 14
8:30am—1:00pm**

Please bring your tools: shovels, rakes, pruning shears, pickax, edger, etc.
Remember: many hands make light work!



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Church Members:

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| Phil Dickens | Patricia Lynn |
| Betty Duke | Linda Pleasants |
| Bob & Jane Edwards | Helen Prevette |
| Martha Flynn | 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)

**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.



DEACON OF THE DAY

Today.....Liz Peacock
Next Week (Oct. 15).....Joel Hobby

GIVING

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