

PRELUDE *Be Unto Your Name* DeShazo & Sandler

***CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP** *He Is Exalted* Twila Paris

*He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name!*

*He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.*

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER** Joel Hobby, 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** Joel Hobby

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES Marie Sumerel

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 *Isaiah 35* Marie Sumerel

The wilderness and the desert will be glad, and the desert will rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it will blossom and rejoice with a shout of joy.

Encourage the exhausted, and strengthen the feeble. Say to those with anxious heart, "Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come, and He will save you."

Then the eyes of the blind will be opened and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. Then the lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will shout for joy.

For waters will break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The scorched land will become a pool and the thirsty ground springs of water.

A highway will be there, a roadway, and it will be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean will not travel on it, but it will be for him who walks in the way, and fools will not wander on it.

No lion will be there, nor will any vicious beast go up on it; these will not be found there.

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But the redeemed will walk there, and the ransomed of the Lord will return and come with joyful shouting to Zion, with everlasting joy upon their heads.

They will find gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

***HYMN 516** *Like a River Glorious* WYE VALLEY

MORNING PRAYER Trey Davis

SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 46 (pg. 517-518)* Joel Hobby

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

PEOPLE: May the Spirit grant us understanding.

ANTHEM *Sing Ye Joyfully* Don Besig

SERMON *Be Still and Know* Sarah Mears

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT 514** *Be Still, My Soul* FINLANDIA

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** Sarah Mears

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** *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

*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*

POSTLUDE *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* Martin & Gabriel

**please stand as you are able*

Guest Preacher: We're excited to welcome to the pulpit today Rev. Sarah Mears, associate pastor at Hayes Barton Baptist Church. Sarah is preaching for us as part of the Baptist Women in Ministry emphasis on creating preaching opportunities for women. As a recipient of the BWIM NC Church Award, The Ridge is proud to take part in this tradition by having Sarah speak to us today.

Foushee Prayer Requests & Praises:

Continue to pray for Rev. Sugiyama during his medical leave and for our church leaders at Kanazawa Baptist as we take on more teaching and administrative roles in his absence.

Pray for our refugee friend, Kristina, who is still adjusting to single parenting and the many other challenges of living in a new country.



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ash Wednesday Service this Wednesday, February 22nd, at 6:00 pm. Please join us, and invite others to attend this service preparing our hearts for the season of Lent.

Church Conference next Sunday at the end of our worship service. This will serve as our annual Incorporation Meeting as required in our by-laws. We will also be voting on persons to serve on the nominating and personnel advisory committees.

Rise Against Hunger: Next Sunday, February 26, 12:00 noon

This is a packing event to prepare thousands of meals for people all over the world. Join us as we participate in this event again this year.

Chili Cook-off: This popular event is returning on **Sunday, March 19th at 5:00 pm.** Bring your best recipe of chili, dessert, or cornbread for all to eat and enjoy! Please contact Sue Johnson at suesoreo@yahoo.com or 919.349.4466 to let her know you are attending, and what you are bringing to share!

Spring Senior Adult Rally: Tuesday, March 21st at Trinity Baptist Church in Raleigh. Key Note Speaker will be Dr. Michael Blackwell. Entertainment will be provided by The Trinity Laymen. Cost is \$15.

2023 Church Directories are available in the church office. Please limit one per family.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Church Members:

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| Mary B. Carraway | Felicia Goodman |
| Betty Duke | Terry Kemp |
| Bob & Jane Edwards | Patricia Lynn |
| Joe Ellen | Linda Pleasants |
| Martha Flynn | Helen Prevette |

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)

DEACON OF THE DAY

Today.....Joel Hobby
Next Week (Feb 26).....Phil Kirk

GIVING

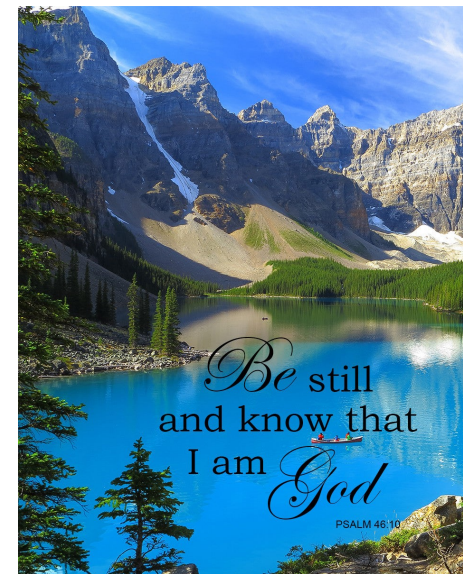
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SUNDAY, February 19, 2023



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