

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

RIDGE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH
at The Ridge

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PRELUDE

“Crown Him Lord Of All”
J. Ellor & O. Holden, arr. L. Larson

Claudia Hinson, piano
Teresa Wheeler, organ

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

“Alleluia! Alleluia!”

HYMN TO JOY

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise!
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise!
He who on the cross as Savior for the world’s salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead!*

*Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born;
Glorious life, and life immortal, on this resurrection morn.
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer, by his mighty enterprise.
We with Him to life eternal by His resurrection rise.*

***INVOCATION & LORD’S PRAYER**

Kevin Parker, 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**

Kevin Parker

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trey Davis

MORNING LITANY

from Isaiah 25:6-9

Amy Kemp

On this mountain, this ridge, our God will make for all peoples a sumptuous feast.

We will delight in rich food and drink, sustenance that comes from the Lord of love.

On this mountain, this ridge, our God will destroy the shroud that is cast over all peoples.

God will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord our God will wipe away tears from all faces

And will remove the disgrace of God’s people from all the earth.

It will be said on that day,

“Lo, this is our God, for whom we have waited.”

From death, by faith in this God, we are saved.

This is the Lord on whom we have waited.

Today the wait is over.

Let us be glad and rejoice in salvation!

ANTHEM

“Hallelujah! Jesus is Risen”
David L. Ray

The Ridge Road Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 16:1-8

Kevin Parker

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

May the Spirit grant us understanding.

MORNING PRAYER

Trey Davis

*HYMN of PRAISE #270

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN

SERMON

Easter without Jesus?

Trey Davis

ANTHEM

"Can It Be?"

words by Charles Wesley; music by Faye Lopez

The Ridge Road Choir

RESPONSE

"What is Hope?"¹

Rubem Alves

Audrey Davis

What is hope?

**It is the pre-sentiment that imagination
is more real and reality is less real than it looks.**

It is the hunch that the overwhelming brutality
**of facts that oppress and repress us
is not the last word.**

It is the suspicion that reality is more complex
than the realists want us to believe.

That the frontiers of the possible
are not determined by the limits of the actual;

and in a miraculous and unexplained way

life is opening up creative events

which will open the way to freedom and resurrection-

but the two, suffering and hope,

must live from each other.

Suffering without hope produces resentment and despair.

But hope without suffering creates illusions, naivete and drunkenness.

So let us plant dates

even though we who plant them will never eat them.

We must live by the love of what we will never see.

That is the secret discipline.

It is the refusal to let our creative act

be dissolved away by our need for immediate sense experience

and it is a struggled commitment to the future of our grandchildren.

Such disciplined hope is what has given prophets,

revolutionaries and saints, the courage to die for the future they envisage.

They make their own bodies the seed of their highest hopes.

*HYMN of COMMITMENT (insert) "The Day of Resurrection"

LANCASHIRE

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

¹ Rubem Alves, "What is Hope?" Hijos de Maoana (Tomorrow's Children), Salamanca, Spain: Ediciones Sigueme, 1976.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"He Is Lord"

HE IS LORD

*He is Lord! He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord!*

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*POSTLUDE

"Great Is the Lord"

Claudia Hinson, piano

M.W. & D.D. Smith, arr. Jay Rouse

**Please stand as you are able*

Deacon of the Day

Today Kevin Parker
Next week (4/7) Marie Sumerel

Coming soon to The Ridge

4/6 @ 12PM: Aggregate Theatre returns to our chapel in a performance of their original show **Giselle la Trent, the Gazellephant**.

4/27: Sign up to volunteer alongside The Ridge partner churches at the **Food Bank** 1-3PM. Sign up by 4/19 at the link in the QR code.

5/4: **Chatham Rabbits** in the Sanctuary. Food and community in the courtyard at 5:30PM, doors open at 7PM, show starts at 7:30PM.

5/5: **Three Songs** worship event.

Prayer Requests

Please refer to the weekly email newsletter for the full list of prayer requests.

Announcements

We would like to extend thanks to our Maundy Thursday guest musician Nate Leyland.

We are extremely grateful to have NC's own **Chatham Rabbits** returning to perform in our sanctuary Saturday, May 4. Tickets are available for purchase via the QR code below.

Volunteer opportunities are available for the Chatham Rabbits concert! We are looking for ~20 volunteers to fulfil multiple roles the night of the concert (parking, ushers, ticket takers, bag checkers, and more). Please email Claire if you are interested!

If you haven't yet, please check out our **new website for The Ridge!** You can access it via the QR code below.



Important Links

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