

PRELUDE *Amazing Love* Graham Kendrick

***CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP** *Knowing You* Graham Kendrick

All I once held dear, built my life upon,
 All this world reveres and wars to own;
 All I once thought gain I have counted loss;
 Spent and worthless now compared to this.

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You; There is no greater thing.
 You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness,
 And I love You, Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
 To be found in You and known as Yours;
 To possess by faith what I could not earn,
 All surpassing gift of righteousness.

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER** Luther Smith, 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** Luther Smith

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 146* Trey Davis

I will praise the Lord all my life: I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—he remains faithful forever.

He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind,

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous.

I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

***HYMN 491** (Green) *Shine, Jesus, Shine* Graham Kendrick

MORNING PRAYER Phil Kirk

SCRIPTURE READING *John 9:1-38* Luther Smith

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

PEOPLE: May the Spirit grant us understanding.

ANTHEM *You Are My Light* Dave & Jean Perry

SERMON *Unblinded By the Light* Trey Davis

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT 104** (Green) *Amazing Grace (Verses 1-4)* NEW BRITAIN

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 BLESSING** 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.

***CHORAL RESPONSE** *Amazing Grace* NEW BRITAIN

When we've been there ten thousand years,
 Bright shining as the sun,
 We've no less days to sing God's praise
 Than when we first begun.

POSTLUDE *Love Is the Theme* FISHER

**please stand as you are able*

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Sunday Nights 6 weeks of Bible Study July 17—August 21
 5:30-7:30 in the Fellowship Hall **Not too late to join in!**

School Supplies Collection for Washington Elementary Collection bin is in the Narthex.
 Black Dry Erase Markers Markers Glue Sticks
 Kids pants/shorts/skirts sizes 6-16 adjustable/elastic waist preferred (can be gently used)
 Adult pants/shorts/skirts sizes small or medium (can be gently used)
 Kids underwear, all sizes (no boxers)

Worship in the Round August 14 at 11:00 am
 Our normal worship service moves to the chapel for a special Sunday in an intimate setting.

Ministry to Medicine Day Saturday, August 20 Blood Connection mobile blood drive at RRBC
More info to come!

The Gospel According to Mark September 16 at 7:00 pm. Actor Ashley Strand brings his one-man show to The Ridge, performing the entire gospel of Mark in the King James translation.

RBA Baptist Day of Service September 17
 Community projects to meet many different kinds of needs in all parts of Wake County.
 Hosted by the Raleigh Baptist Association, www.raleighbaptists.org

MISSIONS UPDATE

Letter from Laura and Carson Foushee, CBF Field Personnel to Japan

For the last several years, we have been in conversation with the Japan Baptist Convention about our next long-term ministry location and focus. We have specifically sought your prayers for presentations and interviews about where God was calling us. We are excited to finally share that in August we will be returning to the city of Kanazawa to serve in partnership with Kanazawa Baptist Church. We were blessed to serve our first three years in Japan with Kanazawa Baptist, so we will be going back to our roots to serve alongside a congregation that has had profound impact on our lives.

In our discernment process, we sought a congregational partner which could help create a model in which field personnel and church members use their gifts to work together toward a common vision. We also sought a partner that had a passion to serve internationals. It is estimated that by 2040 Japan will need four times its current number of international workers to maintain its average economic growth. This would mean a stark increase in the number of immigrants and migrant workers coming to Japan. After conversations with candidate churches from across the country, we felt Kanazawa Baptist provided us the best opportunity to meet these hopes in joining God on mission. We know first-hand the church's willingness to join in service beyond its doors and its vision to reach further into the city and prefecture to serve its neighbors, including those with international roots. We pray that we will be able to work together toward this vision to produce good fruit.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Church Members:

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

Family and Friends:

Linda Creech (mother of Paige Kay)
Linda DeSchreiver (niece of Jane Edwards)
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)
Patsy Small (mother of Sue Johnson)
Tommy Jenkins (former member)

DEACON OF THE DAY

Today.....Luther Smith
Next Week (August 7).....David Donald

GIVING

Easy, Secure **Online Giving** is available on our website at www.rrbch.com. Convenient **Mobile Giving** is also available by scanning this QR code or downloading the FREE **EasyTithe** app on your smart device.



The **Flower Calendar** is posted outside the church office. You may reserve a Sunday (or more!) to place flowers in the sanctuary in honor or memory of loved ones.

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



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