

PRELUDE *Lord of My Heart* Twila Paris

***CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP** *Make Us One* Carol Cymbala
*Make us one, Lord, make us one;
 Holy Spirit, make us one.
 Let Your love flow so the world will know
 We are one in You.*

***INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER** Trey Davis
 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** Steve Jolly

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 *Psalms 95* Mary Alice Forma
 O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
 For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.
 The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our maker!
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Your Love Broke Through* Keith Green
 Kerry Johnson, Soloist

COMMENTS & MORNING PRAYER Steve Allsbrook & Steve Sumerel

***HYMN 356** (Green) *We’ve a Story to Tell* MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING *Isaiah 61:1-3* Jane Harris
 LEADER: These are the scriptures of God for the people of Christ.
PEOPLE: May the Spirit grant us understanding.

ANTHEM *Look at the World* John Rutter

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST PREACHER Pam Sloan Annas

SERMON *Holy Connections* Dr. Mickey Blackwell

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT 433** (Green) *I Surrender All* Van deVenter & Weeden
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.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* BENEDICTION
*The Lord bless you and keep you:
 The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
 And give you peace, and give you peace;
 The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
 And be gracious unto you, be gracious,
 The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.
 Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.*

POSTLUDE *Knowing You* Graham Kendrick

**please stand as you are able*

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all those who have joined us today for a time of coming home and worshipping together. Everyone is invited to join us for lunch and fellowship following the service.

Fall Senior Adult Rally — Thursday, September 29—Central Baptist Church, Wendell
 Registration begins at 9:30, program is at 10:00. Cost is \$15, which includes lunch. Contact the Raleigh Baptist Association (919.231.3995) to make your reservation.

Trinity Laymen in Concert on Sunday, October 9th at 5:00 pm in our Sanctuary. This is a free concert; plan now to attend!

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. Carrraway	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)

DEACON OF THE DAY

Today.....Linda Broughman
Next Week (Sept 25).....Jo Cresimore

GIVING

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The fresh flowers today have been given by the Jim Cresimore Memorial Flower Fund, honoring Dr. Michael C. Blackwell, the man and his legacy..



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