

PRELUDE *My Life Is in You, Lord* Daniel Gardner

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *I'm So Glad* Traditional & Kirkland
Amy Kemp & Kerry Johnson

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

***HYMN 493** (Green) *Revive Us Again* Mackay & Husband

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** Luther Smith

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES Kerry Johnson

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 121* Kerry Johnson

I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from?

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber;

Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right had;

The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;

The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

MORNING PRAYER Trey Davis

SCRIPTURE READING *Isaiah 54:1-5* Luther Smith

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

PEOPLE: **May the Spirit grant us understanding.**

ANTHEM *There Is a Balm in Gilead* Spiritual

SERMON *Colonel Hollister's Homiletics Lesson* Trey Davis

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT 598** (Green) *Find Us Faithful* Jon Mohr
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** *On Eagle'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 *Indescribable* Story & Reeves

**please stand as you are able*

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Sunday, September 11, the church will have a brief business meeting following worship to vote on deacons. The Deacon Nomination Review Committee is bringing forward a slate of Liz Peacock, Marie Sumerel, and Ellis Wheeler to be voted on by the church. Thanks to these individuals for agreeing to serve.

<i>The Gospel According to Mark</i> Performed by Ashley Strand	<i>Baptist Day of Service</i> Hosted by the RBA	<i>RRBC Reunion</i> w/ preacher Dr. Mickey Blackwell
Friday, September 16, 7:00 PM Chapel	Saturday, September 17, 9:00 AM Multiple sites	Sunday, September 18, 11:00 AM Sanctuary
Actor Ashley Strand brings his one man show to The Ridge, performing the entire gospel of Mark in the King James translation and bringing its poetic language to life. This performance is free. Details: https://www.kingjameslive.org/ .	Join with Baptists from all over Wake County in a day of service. Projects include Rise Against Hunger food packing, Habitat for Humanity construction, clothing drives for A Note in the Pocket, and projects for the State Fair Ministry. Details and registration: https://baptistdayofservice.org/ . (see insert in today's bulletin for more details)	Several former students who made Ridge Road Baptist their home in the 1970s will join us for worship this Sunday. We also welcome former youth and college minister Dr. Mickey Blackwell to the pulpit this week. All are invited to a BBQ lunch at church immediately following worship.

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 (Sept 11).....Carlisle Franks

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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