

PRELUDE *You Are My Hiding Place* Michael Ledner

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* LAUDES DOMINI

***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 Amy Kemp

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* Amy Kemp

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.

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 104** *Amazing Grace* NEW BRITAIN

MORNING PRAYER Trey Davis

SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 15:1-10* Luther Smith

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

PEOPLE: May the Spirit grant us understanding.

ANTHEM *All the Way My Savior Leads Me/In His Presence* Crosby & Lowry/Tunney

SERMON *Rational Thinking in the Lost & Found* Trey Davis

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT 524** *Seek Ye First* Karen Lafferty

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** *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 *Love Is the Theme* Albert Fisher

**please stand as you are able*

Intergenerational Summer Bible Study July 23 — August 20 @ 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A light meal will be served with a lesson and discussion to follow. We will be studying the book of Malachi, the "seal of the Old Testament."

Reframing Missions: Lunch & Learn with the Foushees
Saturday, July 29th 12:30 pm, - 2:30 pm Ridge Road Baptist Church

What does it look like to do missions *with*, not missions *to*? Join us for a Lunch and Learn with Carson and Laura Foushee, CBF Field Personnel in Japan, as they share about how they have been seeking to reframe missions partnership and collaboration in the Japanese context over the last decade. A silent auction will also be held featuring Japanese arts, crafts, foods, and jewelry from the Foushees' city of Kanazawa and will serve as a fundraiser for their mission programming budget. Lunch is \$10 a person and will be provided by *And Also With 'Cue*.

Please make your reservations by Sunday, July 23rd. You may use an envelope in the church pews or pay through online giving. Please indicate your payment is for the **Lunch & Learn with the Foushees**.



Giving Statements for January—June (2023) have been emailed. If you need a paper copy, please contact the church office. Thank you for your continued support of our ministries.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Church Members:

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| Linda Broughman | Phil Kirk |
| Btty Duke | Patricia Lynn |
| Bob & Jane Edwards | Linda Pleasants |
| Joe Ellen | Helen Prevette |
| Martha Flynn | Vic Rackley |

Family and Friends:

- Linda Creech (mother of Paige Kay)
- Joel & Allison Cresimore
- Linda DeSchreiver (niece of Jane Ewards)
- 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.....Luther Smith
 Next Week (July 28).....Marie Sumerel

GIVING

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