OCTOBER 1, 2023

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

PRELUDEWe Declare Your Majesty/Bless the Lord, O My Soul
Teresa Wheeler, organist

*CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP When I Look into Your Holiness

PERRIN

When I look into Your holiness,
When I gaze into Your loveliness,
When all things that surround become shadows in the light of You;
When I've found the joy of reaching Your heart,
When my will becomes enthralled in Your love,
When all things that surround become shadows in the light of You,

I worship You; I worship You.
The reason I live is to worship You.
I worship You; I worship You.
The reason I live is to worship You.

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Marie Sumerel, 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 Marie Sumerel

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 READINGAnonymous
Kerry Johnson

Today we gather around God's table from near and far.

We are the People of God!

Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition.

We are brothers and sisters in Christ!

For there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.

We are One in God's Spirit!

We are one and together we remember our Lord Jesus.

For we are the people of Redemption!

He gave himself up for us, so we could be reconciled to God.

Come, let us worship the God of our Salvation!

MORNING PRAYER Trey Davis

*HYMN 394 In Christ There Is No East of West ST. PETER

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Samuel 3 Marie Sumerel

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

PEOPLE: May the Spirit grant us understanding.

ANTHEM Teach Us to Pray Pepper Choplin

SERMON In the Still of the Night Trey Davis

COMMUNION

As a church that affirms all Christian traditions, we invite everyone for whom this ritual is meaningful to the table. We use gluten free bread and grape juice so that any who wish to participate may do so.

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 537

Lord. Here Am I

Crosby & Beck

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 Blest Be the Tie DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love; The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above. Amen

POSTLUDE Come, Thou Almighty King arr. Sam Ellson

*please stand as you are able

Foushee Prayer Requests & Praises:

Continue to **pray** for our friend Hiro. He continues to share important life updates and surprisingly told Carson that he would like to bring his parents with him to our church the next time he is in town.

Pray for KIBC as we begin a dinner that will be held in our family's apartment on the first Sunday of each month. Pray specifically that our home will be a welcoming place for all to gather and rest.

The three Japan Baptist Convention churches in the Hokuriku region will gather at a retreat center October 8-9 in the mountains of Toyama Prefecture for a time of worship and fellowship. **Pray** that our time together will be uplifting and continue to bring us closer together as we carry the light of Christ in a difficult area of Japan for the Church.





The Ridge Road Baptist Church mourns the loss of longtime member Joe Ellen, Jr. who passed away on Friday, September 29.

Services will be held at the Cremation Society of the Carolinas, 2205 East Millbrook Road on Saturday, October 7. Mr. Ellen will lie in state Saturday, October 7 from noon until 1:00; the funeral service will begin at 1:00 pm.

Please keep his wife Ann and the family in your prayers during this time of loss.

Yard Work Day — Saturday, October 14 8:30am—1:00pm

Please bring your tools:

shovels, rakes, pruning shears, pickax, edger, etc.

Remember: many hands make light work!



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Church Members:

Phil Dickens Patricia Lynn
Betty Duke Linda Pleasants
Bob & Jane Edwards 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	Marie Sumerel
Next Week (Oct. 8)	Liz Peacock

GIVING

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