

PRELUDE *I Must Tell Jesus* arr. Larry Shackley

\*CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Sanctuary* Thompson & Scruggs

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, Pure and holy, tried and true;  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You.*

\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER Joel Hobby, 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 1 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE Joel Hobby

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 *Isaiah 40* Kerry Johnson

With whom, then will you compare God? To what image will you liken him? As for an idol, a metalworker casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold and fashions silver chains for it.

**A person too poor to present such an offering selects wood that will not rot; they look for a skilled worker to set up an idol that will not topple.**

Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded?

**He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in.**

He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing. No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.

**"To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens; who created all these?**

He brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

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**Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.**

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

**But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint.**

MORNING PRAYER Luke Perrin

\*HYMN 530 *I'd Rather Have Jesus* Miller & Shea

SCRIPTURE READING *Exodus 32:1-14* Joel Hobby

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

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

ANTHEM *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* arr. Hal Hopson

SERMON *Nothing Gold Can Stay* Luke Perrin

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 554 *As the Deer* Martin Nystrom

*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 Luke Perrin

*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 *With All My Heart* Babbie Mason

*With all my heart I want to love You, Lord. And live my life each day to know You more.  
All that is in me is Yours completely; I'll serve You only, with all my heart.*

POSTLUDE *I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me* arr, Camp Kirkland

\*please stand as you are able

*We welcome Luke Perrin as he leads us in worship today. Luke is a recent graduate of Duke Divinity School and Duke Sanford School of Public Policy. He has spent time serving congregations in the Triangle, leading campus ministry, and organizing faith leaders on social policy issues.*

**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.



SUNDAY, October 15, 2023

**Autumn Study: Sundays, Oct. 22 — Nov. 12 at noon**  
 Immediately following worship, stick around for lunch and a conversation about what makes Ridge Road distinctive among churches in Raleigh. Our sermon series over these weeks will parallel and form the foundation for our conversation.



**Carving Party — Sunday, October 29 — 5:00 pm**  
 Gather in our chapel to carve a jack-o-lantern just in time for Halloween. You bring the pumpkin; we'll supply a light supper, carving tools, and Halloween music.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Church Members:**

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| 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 Edwards)
- 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)
- Patti Lingafelt (former member)

**DEACON OF THE DAY**

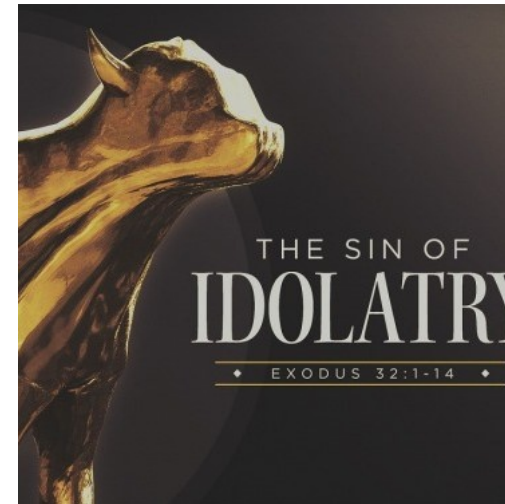
Today.....Joel Hobby  
 Next Week (Oct. 22).....Ellis Wheeler

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