

PRELUDE *We Are an Offering* D. Liles

***CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* MARION

*Rejoice, ye pure in heart; Rejoice, give thanks and sing
 Beneath the standard of your God, The cross of Christ your King.
 Rejoice, (rejoice) rejoice (rejoice), Rejoice, give thanks and sing!
 Bright youth and snow-crowned age, Strong men and maidens fair,
 Raise high your free, exulting song, God's wondrous praise declare.
 Rejoice, (rejoice) rejoice (rejoice), Rejoice, give thanks and sing!
 Yes, on through life's long path, Still singing as we go;
 From youth to age, by night and day, In gladness and in woe;
 Rejoice, (rejoice) rejoice (rejoice), Rejoice, give thanks and sing!*

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER** Ellis Wheeler, 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** Ellis Wheeler

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 *Like a Child (adapted)* Liz Peacock

Fitzgerald Scott

God, surround us and hold us together.

You have held us, although we have turned away and searched for answers on our own.

It is said that we can move mountains and send them falling to the sea.

It is said that we can walk on water,

If we believe with faith like a child.

When we feel distant and cannot recognize your countenance,

We wonder if we've lost the recklessness of youth

That allowed us to believe so purely.

Help us to love and heal the broken,

To grasp hope that will allow us to see,

To follow and to discover

With faith like a child.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Here I Am to Worship* arr. V. Labenske
The Ridge Road Ringers

SCRIPTURE READING *Jeremiah 1:4-9; 1 Corinthians 13:9-12* Ellis Wheeler

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

PEOPLE: May the Spirit grant us understanding.

***HYMN 594** *Faith of our Fathers* ST. CATHERINE

MORNING PRAYER Caroline Davis

SCRIPTURE READING *Mark 10:13-16* Phil Kirk

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

PEOPLE: May the Spirit grant us understanding.

SERMON *Being The Ridge: Intergenerational* Trey Davis

ANTHEM *Worthy of Worship* JUDSON

RESPONSIVE READING *The Little Boy and the Old Man* Evanna Edward

Shel Silverstein

Said the little boy, "Sometimes I drop my spoon."

Said the old man, "I do that too."

The little boy whispered, "I wet my pants."

"I do that too," laughed the little old man.

Said the little boy, "I often cry."

The old man nodded, "So do I."

"But worst of all," said the boy, "it seems

Grown-ups don't pay attention to me."

And he felt the warmth of a wrinkled old hand.

"I know what you mean," said the little old man.

***HYMN 598** *Find Us Faithful* J. 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.

***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** *Doxology* OLD 100TH

POSTLUDE *Soon and Very Soon* A. Crouch

**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.



Autumn Study: Sundays, Oct. 22 — Nov. 12 at noon

Immediately following worship today, 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.

Poinsettia Orders

It's time to order one or more poinsettias to decorate our Sanctuary for Advent. Order forms are in the pew pockets. We will be taking orders until Sunday, November 19th. The form allows you to list if your poinsettia is being given in honor or memory of someone.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Church Members:

Mary Carraway	Phil Dickens
Betty Duke	Bob & Jane Edwards
Martha Flynn	Patricia Lynn
Linda Pleasants	Helen Prevette
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.....Ellis Wheeler
Next Week (Oct. 29).....Phil Kirk

GIVING

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To receive our weekly digital newsletter, please email lmcoy@rrbch.com. It's the quickest and easiest way for us to let you know about all of different things going on here at the Ridge.



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