

**PRELUDE** *Step by Step* David Strasser

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP** *Lead Me, Lord* LEAD ME, LORD

**\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER** Jo Cresimore, 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 441** *The Potter's Hand* Darlene Zschech

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE** Jo Cresimore

**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** *John 1:1-5, 9-10; Colossians 3:16-17 (ESV)* Kerry Johnson

*Adapted from Christ-Centered Worship by Bryan Chapell*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**He was in the beginning with God.**

All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

**In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

**The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.**

He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.

**For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,**

Whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

**And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**

**MORNING PRAYER** Trey Davis

**ANTHEM** *Here I Am, Lord* Daniel Schutte

**SCRIPTURE READING** *Genesis 12:1-9* Jo Cresimore

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

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Speak to Me* K. Johnson

Kerry Johnson, piano & vocals

**SERMON** *Abraham (Apologies to Bruce Feller)* Trey Davis

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 540** *Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord* LANGLEY

*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.*

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE** *Lead Me, Lord* Elizabeth & Wayne Goodine

**POSTLUDE** *Surely Goodness & Mercy* Peterson & Smith

*\*please stand as you are able*

There will be a called business meeting following the worship service this morning for the election of deacons and to approve the Nominating Committee's report.

Midtown Community Church's Bluegrass and BBQ will be held on Sunday, October 1st from 5-7pm. Join us with your family and friends on the lawn to enjoy some bluegrass, BBQ and a bouncy house for the kids! Clyde Cooper's BBQ will be served around 5:30 pm and music will start shortly after. We ask you to sign up and register by Sunday, Sept. 24th using the link below:

<https://midtown.breezechms.com/form/BluegrassBBQ2023>

**Foushee Prayer Requests & Praises:**

**Pray** for new international students and teachers who will arrive in Kanazawa with the beginning of the fall semester in schools. Pray that our church would provide a welcoming presence for them as they settle into a new place.

**Pray** for Ada as she returns to preschool and for Judah as he begins nursery school this month.

**Thank you** for praying for our friend Hiro, the student studying in Tokyo whom we called "Yoshi" in our February newsletter. He has given us permission to use his real name and wants you to know how much your prayers have encouraged him. We're excited to share he has gotten a great government job as an English translator that will begin in the spring! Please pray for opportunities to share Jesus' love as he has been hesitant to engage in conversation about his beliefs.

**Thank you** for your continued prayers for Rev. Sugiyama, our former pastor in Kanazawa who resigned due to health issues earlier this year. We were able to spend time with him and his son at a waterpark before the end of summer break, and he was in better spirits than we can remember in some time. Continue to pray for him and his family as they discern where God is leading them next.



SUNDAY, September 17, 2023

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Church Members:**

- Phil Dickens                      Patricia Lynn
- Betty Duke                        Linda Pleasants
- Bob & Jane Edwards        Helen Prevette
- Joe Ellen                          Vic Rackley
- Martha Flynn

**Family and Friends:**

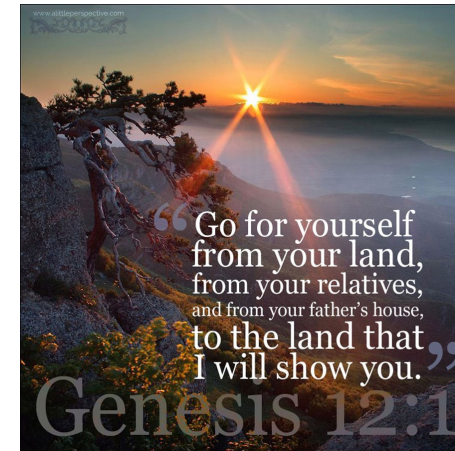
- Linda Creech (mother of Paige Kay)
- Joel & Allison Cresimore
- Linda DeSchreiver (niece of Jane Edwards)
- Virginia Herran (sister of Jo Cresimore)
- John & Jennifer LeMay (daughter and son-in-law of Jo Cresimore)
- Ashley Lynn (niece of Patricia Lynn)
- Marygena Lynn (sister-in-law of Patricia Lynn)
- Martha Marcom (cousin of Patricia Lynn)
- Tommy Jenkins (former member)
- Patti Lingafelt (former member)

**DEACON OF THE DAY**

Today.....Jo Cresimore  
Next Week (Sept. 24).....Luther Smith

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