

MARCH 19, 2023

SUNDAY WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Let's Just Praise the Lord/Amazing Grace* arr. Bryce Inman
Teresa Wheeler, organist

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *There Is a Redeemer* Melody Green

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 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 Kerry Johnson

A Litany of Transformation, Engagement, and Community by David Williams

The call of Christ is clear: we are not to remain as we are. Continual transformation is central to our life of discipleship.

There is no option to remain the same. The path we walk with Jesus is a transformative path that refuses to leave us as we are.

Let us therefore offer ourselves in full trust and humility to the power of God's Spirit to transform us by the renewing of our minds, so that we may discern what is the will of God, what is good, acceptable and perfect.

May God transform us and use us as agents of transformation in this world.

We are transformed through engagement with those around us. We are not content to wait for others to come to us.

We find encouragement in walking a common journey with those whose lives are constantly growing more and more into the likeness of Jesus, even as we ourselves are being transformed into that same image.

Let us therefore embrace and welcome the transforming work of the Spirit, not in isolation, but in community.

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Transformation, Engagement, Community: Let the work of the Spirit begin and continue among us; for if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation!

Everything old has passed away; let everything become new!

***HYMN 328** *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* MANNA

MORNING PRAYER Trey Davis

SCRIPTURE READING *Mark 1:6-11; Acts 19:1-5* Luther Smith
LEADER: These are the scriptures of God for the people of Christ.
PEOPLE: May the Spirit grant us understanding.

ANTHEM *Peace Like a River* Red & Courtney

SERMON *Torn* Trey Davis

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT 331** *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* MORECAMBE
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 *Where the Spirit of the Lord Is* ADAMS

POSTLUDE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee/Sweet Spirit* HYMN TO JOY/MANNA

**please stand as you are able*

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chili Cook-off: Don't forget to join us today at 5:00 pm!

Easter Lily Orders: If you haven't placed your order yet for a lily in honor or memory of someone special, forms are available in the Narthex and church office. Today is the last day to place your order.

Maundy Thursday: Join us for this service of reflection on April 6 at 6:00 pm in the Chapel.

Foushee Prayer Requests & Praises:

Pray for Yoshi as he manages the difficulties of being “double” in Japan. May he deeply know God’s love for him and the peace of Christ that surpasses all understanding.

Pray for Katarina’s husband who has retired from military service in Ukraine and is now in Poland awaiting a visa to come to Japan. Pray for a speedy process and blessed reunion for their family.

Pray for the CBF Asia Team and staff from the CBF office in Atlanta as we gather in Southeast Asia in late March. We have not met in-person as a full team since 2018, so this is a long-anticipated event. Pray also for our family as we preach at a Japanese church in Singapore on our way back to Japan.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Church Members:

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| Mary B. Carraway | Felicia Goodman |
| Betty Duke | Terry Kemp |
| Bob & Jane Edwards | Patricia Lynn |
| Joe Ellen | Linda Pleasants |
| Martha Flynn | Helen Prevette |

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)

Former Interim Pastor Emmanuel Pegram is in failing health. He will celebrate his 85th birthday March 26th. If you would like to send him a birthday greeting, here is his address:
2421 Brighthaven Drive, Raleigh, NC 27614

DEACON OF THE DAY

Today.....Luther Smith
Next Week (March 26).....Marie Sumerel

GIVING

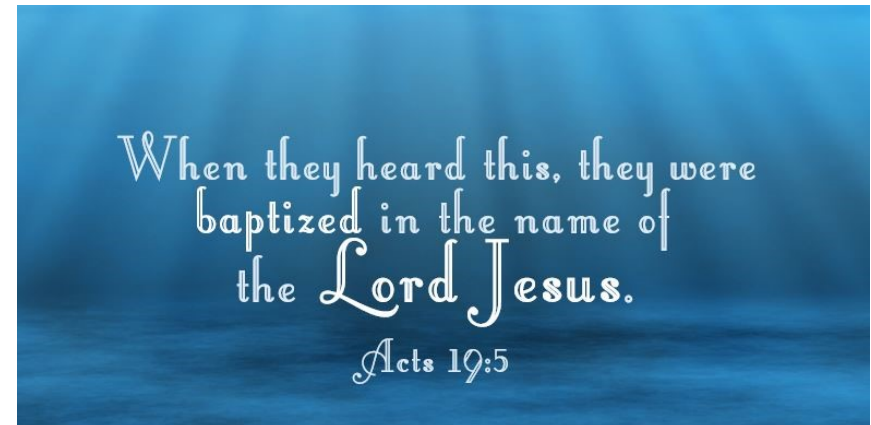
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