

**PRELUDE** *God Leads Us Along* G. A. Young  
 Claudia Hinson, piano arr. D. Bolks

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *Sanctuary* SANCTUARY  
*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary Pure and holy, tried and true  
 With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for you. (2x)*

**\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER** Sandra Jolly, 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** Sandra Jolly

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Sandra Jolly  
*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.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** *Jonah 1:1-16* Sandra Jolly  
 LEADER: These are the scriptures of God for the people of Christ.  
**PEOPLE: May the Spirit grant us understanding.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE 48** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ELLACOMBE

**THE FIRST STORY** *God Speaks* Trey Davis

**MUSICAL MEDITATION** *Sometimes He Calms the Storm* K. Stokes & T. Wood  
 Amy Kemp, Soprano

**MORNING LITANY** *Psalms 139:7-14* Lila Davis

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?  
**If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**  
 If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,  
**Even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.**  
 If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"  
**Even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.**  
 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
**I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.**

**THE SECOND STORY** *Jonah Flees* Trey Davis

**\*HYMN 110** (vv. 1-3) *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* ST. MARGARET

**MORNING PRAYER** Luther Smith

**THE THIRD STORY** *Sailors Pray* Trey Davis

**ANTHEM** *Spirit of Life* J. Marshall  
 The Ridge Road Choir

**RESPONSIVE READING** *from 'Kindness'* Suzanne Lorentzen  
 By Stanley Hauerwas<sup>1</sup>

To be kind in a violent world is very dangerous, but we are destined to be kind.  
**The Spirit of kindness stirred in the waters of our baptism, setting us on a journey.**  
 Even in a world as violent as the one in which we find ourselves, we can risk being kind.  
**We are surrounded by the kindness of our family, our friends, our pets, our faith.**  
 Our gentle God created us to be kind by making it impossible for us to exist without caring for those both like and unlike us.  
**We are creatures created by kindness to be kind to all that is.**  
 To be drawn into God's good creation without fear,  
**To learn how to be a creature with others without regret,**  
 To learn how to receive kindness without protection,  
**To trust the gifts of others that quite literally make life possible.**  
 Kindness is the very character of God, who Created us to be like God.  
**And virtue is pulled out of us by our love.**

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 514** *Be Still, My Soul* FINLANDIA  
*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** *Doxology* OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*POSTLUDE** *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. C. Berry

*\*please stand as you are able*

<sup>1</sup>Stanley Hauerwas, "Kindness," *The Character of Virtue*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2018. 39-48.

**Foushee Prayer Requests & Praises:** *Another update from Carson and Laura:*

Thank you for your continued prayers for the people of Ishikawa Prefecture and especially those most heavily affected in the Noto Peninsula. Aftershocks continue throughout the area following the New Year's Day earthquake. Snow and rain continue to complicate conditions for those seeking to reach the area and assess damage to buildings. Road conditions continue to be a problem as there are still 1,900 people in Ishikawa Prefecture who are still stranded without water and power. Most still reside in evacuation centers throughout the area and the spread of infectious diseases is becoming an issue. This is partly due to the lack of running water in the area, which can help to prevent sanitary problems.

Evacuation centers and hotels are slowly becoming available in our city of Kanazawa and other temporary housing facilities are being prepared closer to us to help people move out of the most heavily hit areas.

Please pray for water and road conditions to improve soon to ease some of these pains. Pray for governmental and nongovernmental agencies from across the region and country to meet immediate needs, while also preparing longer-term solutions these most affected. Pray for seniors, a significant population in the Noto, who are going through severe physical trials. Pray also for students who are unable to return to school and especially for high school seniors who are attempting to prepare for and take university entrance exams amidst these difficult circumstances.

*The results are in! Congrats to Renni Hobby (chili) and Charlotte Craver (dessert) for receiving the most votes for their contributions during last weekend's chili cook-off. The true winners were all who attended and were able to enjoy a variety of homemade chili and desserts! Special thanks to Linda Broughman for heading up this year's event!*

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Church Members:**

*\*new addition*

- Mary Carraway Phil Dickens
- Sharon Donald Betty Duke
- Bob & Jane Edwards Martha Flynn
- Bob Himes\* Patricia Lynn
- Liinda Pleasants Helen Prevette
- 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)
- Patti Lingafelt (former member)

**DEACON OF THE DAY**

Today.....Sandra Jolly  
Next Week (Jan. 28).....Linda Broughman

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