

**PRELUDE** *Trust Medley* arr. K. Mays  
 Claudia Hinson, piano

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *Hear I Am, Lord* D. Schutte  
*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
 All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.  
 I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
 Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
 I have heard You calling in the night.  
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
 I will hold your people in my heart.*

**\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER** Linda Broughman, 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** Liinda Broughman

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** 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.*

**MORNING LITANY** *from Psalm 116* Linda Broughman  
 I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.  
**Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.**  
 The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me;  
**I was overcome by distress and sorrow.**  
 Then I called on the name of the LORD: "LORD, save me!"  
**The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.**  
 The LORD protects the unwary; when I was brought low, he saved me.  
**Return to your rest, my soul, for the LORD has been good to you.**

**ANTHEM** *Create in Me a Clean Heart* A. Sherman  
 The Ridge Road Choir

**SCRIPTURE READING** *Jonah 1:1-17 — 2:10* Janet Carter  
 LEADER: These are the scriptures of God for the people of Christ.  
**PEOPLE: May the Spirit grant us understanding.**

**MORNING PRAYER** Janet Carter

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** (insert) *Out of the Depths I Cry* SANDON

**SERMON** *Fish Belly Purgatory* Trey Davis

**MUSICAL MEDITATION** *Grateful* J. Buccchino  
 Amy Kemp, Soprano

**RESPONSIVE READING** *adapted from 'Moby Dick'* Dick Heidgerd  
 by Herman Melville

God has laid a hand upon us, pressing us to action.  
**What depths of the soul Jonah's deep sealine sound!**  
 What a pregnant lesson to us is this prophet!  
**What a noble thing is that canticle in the fish's belly!**  
 How billow-like and boisterously grand!  
**We feel the floods surging over us, we sound with him to the kelpy bottom of the waters;**  
 Seaweed and all the slime of the sea is about us!  
**God has laid a hand upon us, pressing us to action.**  
 Delight to those who stand against the proud commodores of this earth!  
**Delight to those who acknowledge no law but the Lord God!**  
 Delight to those whom all the waves of the billows of the seas of the boisterous mob can never shake from this sure Keel of the Ages!  
**God has laid a hand upon us, pressing us to action.**  
 We have striven to be Thine, more than to be this world's or our own.  
**We leave eternity to Thee; we strive to answer Thy call,  
 Pressed into action by Thy hand.**

**\*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.*

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Here I Am, Lord* D. Schutte  
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
 I have heard You calling in the night.  
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
 I will hold your people in my heart.*

**\*POSTLUDE** *To God Be the Glory* W. Doane, arr. C. Berry

*\*please stand as you are able*

**Foushee Prayer Requests & Praises:**

Pray for Mori san as he continues in this exciting walk of faith alongside KBC. Pray also for the support of the KBC community to support him in this journey. Pray for the people of the Noto Peninsula and the helpers in the region in the aftermath of the earthquake. Pray also for guidance for our partners and for us on how best to support our neighbors in the months and years ahead.



SUNDAY, January 28, 2024



**Financial Giving Statements** for 2023 were emailed or mailed this past Friday. If you do not receive your statement, please contact the church office.

There will be a **Church Business Meeting** immediately following worship next Sunday, February 4th.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Church Members:**

- Mary Carraway      Phil Dickens
- Sharon Donnald    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 DeSchreiber (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)
- Deb Johnson (former member)

**DEACON OF THE DAY**

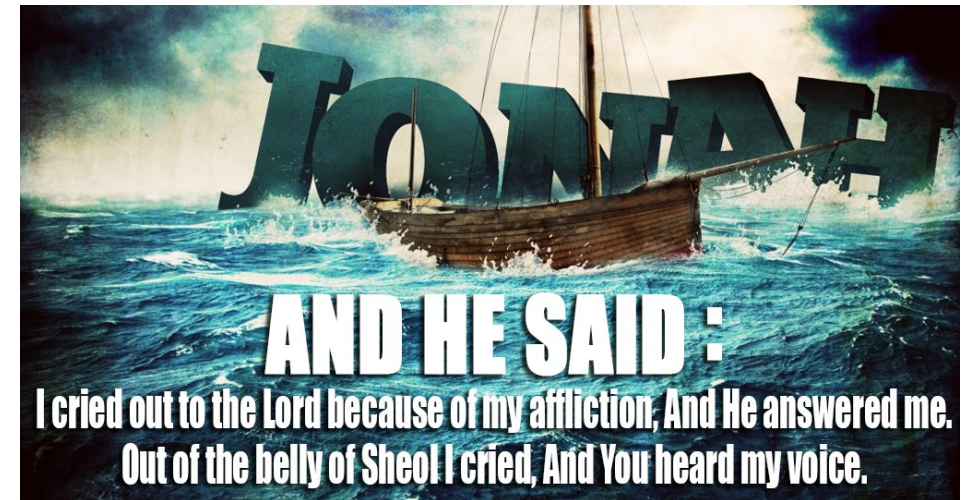
Today.....Linda Broughman  
Next Week (Feb. 4).....Marie Sumerel

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