



RIDGE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH
at The Ridge

Welcome to Worship

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PRELUDE

The Old Rugged Cross
G. Bennard, arr. F. Bock

Claudia Hinson, piano

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Open Our Eyes, Lord

OPEN OUR EYES

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,
Open our Eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus.

***INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER**

Liz Peacock, 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**

Liz Peacock

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liz Peacock

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 &
SCRIPTURE READING**

John 9:1-12

Liz Peacock

Psalm 146:8, 2 Corinthians 4:6, Psalm 24:1, Psalm 4:6, Jeremiah 1:5, Ecclesiastes 39:7

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him.

The LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

For it is God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent).

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it.

Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

There are many who say, 'O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!'

The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he."

The LORD says "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart.

But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

The LORD will direct his counsel and knowledge, as he meditates on his mysteries.

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

May the Spirit grant us understanding.

***HYMN of PRAISE #33**

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

HYFRYDOL

MORNING PRAYER

Abby Hinson

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision
arr. A. Parker

The Ridge Road Choir

SERMON

The Absurdity of God

Charity Roberson

MUSICAL MEDITATION

I Quietly Turned to You
Bryl Red

Amy Kemp, soprano

RESPONSE

from Isaiah 35

Marie Sumerel

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,

The desert shall rejoice and blossom;

Strengthen the weak hands,

And make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

Who will come and save you.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

And the ears of the deaf unstopped;

Then the lame shall leap like a deer,

And the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,

And streams in the desert;

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,

Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;

They shall obtain joy and gladness,

And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

***HYMN of COMMITMENT (insert)**

Lord, I Was Blind

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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**

Charity Roberson

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.

Service continued on back.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound
*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound! That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.
When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.*

NEW BRITAIN

*POSTLUDE

The King is Coming
William Gaither

Claudia Hinson, piano

**Please stand as you are able.*

Deacon of the Day

Today Liz Peacock
Next week (6/23) Ellis Wheeler

Announcements

Thank you to **Dr. Charity Roberson** for leading us in worship today.

Coming soon to the Ridge

6/9: Summer Social @ 12PM.
6/30: Carson and Laura Foushee join us in worship.
6/29 & 6/30: Theatre summer camp performances. James and the Giant Peach (middle school) on 6/29 / A Man of No Importance (high school) on 6/30.
7/14: Summer Vespers
7/21: 1st Summer Sunday Night Bible Study

On **June 30, Carson and Laura Foushee will join us in worship** while they're back in the U.S. for a brief visit. Come hear them talk about their work in Japan.

Next month, the kids of our partners, Aggregate Theatre Co. and Alli Mae Carnes Studio, will **take over our chapel the week of June 17-30** to hold 2 summer camps. Be aware of them on our campus over those weeks and keep an eye out for details on performances!

Prayer Requests

Please refer to the emailed newsletter for the full list of prayer requests.

Foushee Special Offering, June 2024

RRBC is privileged to have a CBF Encourager Church Covenant with Carson and Laura Foushee, CBF Field Personnel to Japan. Each year we hold a special collection to help fund their daily ministry activities.

Prayerfully consider how you will support this vital ministry. Donations may be given through EasyTithe or by check made payable to RRBC with "Foushee Offering" in the memo line.

The Foushees will be updating us on their latest activities **when they visit RRBC at the end of June**. Be sure to follow their monthly newsletter in order to see the "fruits" of your donations!



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