

RIDGE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

*at The Ridge*

about Helpers

Three Songs

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Welcome to Worship

*September 28, 2025*

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**PRELUDE** Softly and Tenderly Angel McCray, saxophone

arr. Timothy Johnson Claudia Hinson, piano

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Trey Davis

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** “When in Our Music God is Glorified” ENGELBERG

*Choir only*

When in our music God is glorified,

And adoration leaves no room for pride,

It is as though the whole creation cried

Alleluia! Alleluia!

***All***

**How often, making music, we have found**

**A new dimension in the world of sound,**

**As worship moved us to a more profound**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***All***

**Let every instrument be tuned for praise!**

**Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!**

**And may God give us faith to sing always**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*INVOCATION & LORD’S PRAYER** Ashlee Kirk

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** Ashlee Kirk

**SCRIPTURE READING** Romans 11:33-36 Ashlee Kirk

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

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

**REFLECTION** Solid and Swishy Trey Davis

**MUSICAL MEDITATION** With a Little Help From My Friends Angel McCray, saxophone

Lennon/McCartney Claudia Hinson, piano

“With a Little Help From My Friends” was a celebration of not letting life get you down: As long as you’ve got friends and that special someone, you’re going to be okay.

* Tim Grierson, music critic1

I was especially pleased when [Joe] decided to cover “With A Little Help From My Friends”…[he played for] me what they’d recorded and it was just mind blowing, totally turned the song into a soul anthem and I was forever grateful for him for doing that.

* Paul McCartney, songwriter2

**PRAYER OF GRATITUDE** Jill Knight

**MORNING LITANY** from Psalm 131, Proverbs 3:5-6 Jill Knight

People of God, put your hope in the Lord  
**Both now and forevermore.**

My heart is not proud, Lord,  
**My eyes are not haughty;**  
I do not concern myself with great matters  
**Or things too wonderful for me.**

I raise my heart to you to direct my paths  
**That in turn I may offer your hope to others.**

People of God, put your hope in the Lord  
**Both now and forevermore.**

**REFLECTION** A Sense of Humble Empathy Trey Davis

**\*HYMN** Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak CANONBURY

*Choir will sing the first and fourth verses alone. Please join in on verses two and three.*

Verse 2:

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead

The wand’ring and the wav’ring feet;

O, feed me, Lord, that I may feed

Your hung’ring ones with manna sweet.

Verse 3:

O give Thine own sweet rest to me,

That I may speak with soothing power

A word in season, as from Thee,

To weary ones in needful hour.

Extremes of joy and despondency…are reflected in his music. But whichever the extreme, Schumann’s music is always of great beauty. It’s music which is easy to listen to, instilling its mood gently, subtly and harmoniously.

* David Karlin, music critic3

**PRAYER OF SOLACE** Caroline Davis

**SCRIPTURE READING** 1 Corinthians 3:9-16 Caroline Davis

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

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

**REFLECTION** The Edification of Soul and Spirit Trey Davis

**MUSICAL MEDITATION** Beautiful City Amy Kemp, Allison Pardue &

Stephen Schwartz Brett Pardue, vocals

There were literally ruins and rubble, and there was literally smoke. It was all over the news, what was going on in South Central LA. So I began with…these images of urban destruction. And out of that, the city could be rebuilt both literally but also psychically—emotionally. I think you can call the title phrase “We can build a Beautiful City” a metaphor because everyone who hears the song knows that it’s not literally about building, even though there are lyrics about bricks.

* Stephen Schwartz, composer4

**PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION** Trey Davis

**HYMN OF COMMITMENT (insert)**

God, Our Author and Creator NALL AVENUE

**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 #380**

Make Me A BlessingSCHULER

Make me a blessing, Make me a blessing,

Out of my life (out of my life) may Jesus shine

Make me a blessing, O Savior I pray (I pray Thee, my Savior).

Make me a blessing to someone today.

**POSTLUDE** Beautiful City Angel McCray, saxophone

arr. David Jessie Claudia Hinson, piano

*\*Please stand as you are able*

*1* Tim Grierson, “How ‘With a Little Help from My Friends’ went from Beatles anthem to nostalgic TV theme song,” *Mel Magazine.* December 23, 2014.https://melmagazine.com/en-us/story/joe-cocker-with-a-little-help-from-my-friends

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*3* David Karlin, “Composer Robert Schumann (1810-1856),” *BachTrack.com.* December 22, 2009. https://bachtrack.com/composer/schumann

*4* Carol de Giere, “By the Light of Metaphor – A Stephen Schwartz Interview,” *The Schwartz Scene.* June 11, 2021. https://www.theschwartzscene.com/2021/07/01/by-the-light-of-metaphor-a-stephen-schwartz-interview/

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**Prayer Requests**

Refer to emailed newsletter for full prayer request list.

**Announcements**

Thank you to Angel McCray for sharing her musical talents with us today as a leader in worship!

Congratulations to the latest members of RRBC to be elected deacons: Bonnie Kemp, Luther Smith, and Teresa Wheeler. We pray for their leadership and service in our church throughout the next three years.

**Deacon of the Day**

Today Ashlee Kirk

Next week (10/5) Kevin Parker

**Coming soon to the Ridge**

*October 4: Funeral for Lillian Butler at 2PM*

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