



RIDGE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH
at The Ridge

Welcome to Worship

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PRELUDE

Only One Life

Claudia Hinson, piano

A. Christiansen & M. Dunlop; arr. K. D. Renfrow

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart

O WALY WALY

*Eternal light, shine in my heart; eternal hope, life up my eyes;
Eternal power, be my support; eternal wisdom, make me wise.*

*Eternal life, raise me from death; eternal brightness, help me see;
Eternal Spirit, give me breath; eternal Savior, come to me.*

*INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Marie Sumerel, 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

Marie Sumerel

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marie Sumerel

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 133 & 1 John 1:1-5

Linda Broughman

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard,

What we have seen with our eyes,

What we have looked at and touched with our hands,

Concerning the word of life:

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

This life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it,

And declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us.

We declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us.

And truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

We profess these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you,

That God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

ANTHEM

Beautiful Savior

The Ridge Road Choir

Arr. Tom Fettke

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4:32-33; John 20:19-23

Marie Sumerel

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

May the Spirit grant us understanding.

MORNING PRAYER

Janet Carter

***HYMN of PRAISE (insert)**

Christ is Alive

TRURO

SERMON

As We Live

Steve Sumerel

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Be Not Afraid
Robert J. Dufford

Amy Kemp, soprano

RESPONSE

What Happened Then¹
Paul Mariani

Suzanne Lorentzen

Do we understand what happened then?

The few of us in that shuttered room,

Lamps dimmed, afraid of what would happen when they found us?

The women back this morning to tell Peter what they'd seen.

Then these two back from Emmaus.

And now here he was. Here in the room with us.

Strange meeting this, the holes there in his hands and feet and heart.

And who could have guessed a calm like this could touch us?

But that was what we felt.

The deep relief you feel when the one you've searched for in a crowd appears,

And your unbelieving eyes dissolve in tears.

For this is what love looks like and is and what it does.

"Peace" was what he said,

As a peace like no other pierced the gloom and descended on the room.

***HYMN of COMMITMENT #394**

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

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**

Steve Sumerel

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**

As We Go

AS WE GO

As we go, may Your Spirit go before us.

As we go, may we follow where You lead.

May we live what we have learned, share the message we have heard,

And be a light unto the world as we go.

***POSTLUDE**

He Leadeth Medley
arr. Jay Rouse

Claudia Hinson, piano

**Please stand as you are able*

¹ Paul Mariana, "What Happened Then," *Christian Poetry in America Since 1940*, ed. Micah Mattix & Sally Thomas. Brewster, MA: Paraclete Press, 2022. 29.

Deacon of the Day

Today Marie Sumerel
Next week (4/14) Liz Peacock

Coming soon to The Ridge

4/27: Sign up to volunteer alongside The Ridge partner churches at the **Food Bank** 1-3PM. Sign up by 4/19 at the link in the QR code.

5/4: **Chatham Rabbits** in the Sanctuary. Food and community in the courtyard at 5:30PM, doors open at 7PM, show starts at 7:30PM.

5/5: **Three Songs** worship event.

Prayer Requests

Members:

Mary Carraway
Phil Dickens
Betty Duke
Bob & Jane Edwards
Martha Flynn
Patricia Lynn
Linda Pleasants
Helen Prevette
Bob Hines

Family and Friends:

Linda Creech (mother of Paige Kay)
Joel & Allison Cresimore (son and daughter-in-law of Jo 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)
Deb Johnson (former member)

Announcements

We remember in prayer the family of longtime member **Sharon R. Donald** who passed away Thursday, April 4. Details about a memorial service are still pending and will be announced as soon as available.

We are extremely grateful to have NC's own **Chatham Rabbits** returning to perform in our sanctuary Saturday, May 4. Tickets are available for purchase via the QR code below.

Volunteer opportunities are available for the Chatham Rabbits concert! We are looking for ~20 volunteers to fulfil multiple roles the night of the concert (parking, ushers, ticket takers, bag checkers, and more). Please email Claire if you are interested! Sign up by April 20.



Important Links

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