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*"God creates out of nothing. Wonderful you say.  
Yes, to be sure, but he does what is still more  
wonderful: he makes saints out of sinners."*

- Soren Kierkegaard

## Happenings/Announcements!

*A smattering of things to keep you in the Loop...*

**Guest Preacher/Missions Sunday: Jan.23**—Look forward to an early Missions Sunday this year! Anthony English (serving currently as the West Coast Assistant Director of Mission to the World) will bring a message and challenge us to think about engaging in mission as a local church. Opportunities to connect and follow up with Anthony will take place after both our worship services. Listen up for additional details in the service!

**Children's Ministry Happs!**—Karey is back! Yay!!! With the start of a new year the Lord is continuing to bless our church with littles of all ages. Amen!! Please consider serving your church family this year by joining the children's ministry volunteer team! There are many neat/sweet ways to plug-in. Scan the QR code to see all the exciting possibilities, or contact Karey directly: [kareydavenport@yahoo.com](mailto:kareydavenport@yahoo.com)



**Vespers V: Monday, Jan. 31**—Hungry for an extended time of worship through music and praise? Join the Vespers worship crew on Monday evening, 7:30pm, at the Patrich home (409 Southbury Lane, Chico). This will be an extended time of singing and seeking the Lord's face together in praise. All are welcome.

**Year End Giving Letters!** - Be sure to grab your "Year-End Giving Letter" after the service today. Deacons will be available to help you find them. Thanks so much for giving worshipfully to the Lord, and also to Ridge PC.

### Small Group Highlights:

- + Women's Study: Wed. Mornings at 9:30am. This group will start again on Jan. 19th, walking through the gospel of Luke, meeting at various homes. Childcare may be a possibility if needed. Contact Angie Laws for additional details: 314.302.5497.
- + Theology & Praise: Tues. Mornings at 6:30am. Join this continuing men's study that meets at the church office. We read and discuss short chapters in J.I. Packer's book "Concise Theology" and sing a hymn to close our time. We aim to close by 7:30am. Good theology should propel our hearts into doxology! Contact Pastor Bryan for more: [bdavidlaws@gmail.com](mailto:bdavidlaws@gmail.com). 916.899.0790.

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***“Not to us O LORD, not to us,  
but to Your Name be the Glory”***

Ridge Presbyterian is a church of people gathered around one thing—Jesus Christ, and his gospel of unlimited grace. As a church, we come from lots of different places: lost, found, burned, cynical, broken, hurting, or some combination of all of these. But what unites us and keeps us coming back together week after week is the reality of a Savior who has given unimaginable Hope to any who admit their need and sprawl out before Him.

## **Scriptures & Readings**

**For January 16, 2022**

### **Call to Worship - Exodus 34:6-8**

The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.” And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.

### **Prayers of Adoration - Inspired by Psalm 89:8-11**

**ALL: We worship You God, for there is none like You**

**LEADER:** Who is there who exists eternally, without beginning or end?  
Who is there who dwells in eternal fellowship,  
one God in three persons?

Who is there who has created the Universe  
by simply speaking a word?

**ALL: Only you, our gracious God**

**LEADER:** What god is there who has promised Himself to His people?  
What god is there who keeps His promises  
even when His people don't?  
What god is there who offered His own life,  
so that His people might live?

**ALL: Only You, our Faithful Lord.**

**LEADER:** Lord, we lift you high and exalt you.  
For there is none like You.  
Amen.

### **Confession of Faith - The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.\* The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,\*\* the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*\*separation from God*

*\*\*the Church in all times and places*

### **Preaching of God's Word - I Peter 4:12-19**

Sermon Title: “Do Not Be Surprised”

Pastor Bryan D. Laws

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup> But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup> Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. <sup>17</sup> For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup> And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” <sup>19</sup> Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

### **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper - John 6:50-51**

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, He will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

### **Benediction - II Corinthians 13:14**

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

## Be Enthroned

We've come to join the song  
Sung long before our lives  
To raise our voice along  
Heaven and earth alike

We've seen Your faithful hand  
Your mercy without end  
The King who bled and died  
A God who sacrificed

Be enthroned upon the praises  
Of a thousand generations  
You are worthy Lord of all  
And unto You the slain and risen King  
We lift our voice with heaven  
Singing worthy Lord of all  
(Lord of all)

All through this life we lead  
And on to eternity  
Our endless praise we cry  
Jesus be glorified  
(Jesus be glorified)

Highest praises Lord of all

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## All The Poor And Powerless

All the poor and powerless  
And all the lost and lonely  
And all the thieves will come confess  
And know that You are holy  
And know that You are holy

And all will sing out hallelujah  
And we will cry out hallelujah

All the hearts who are content  
And all who feel unworthy  
And all who hurt with nothin' left  
Will know that You are holy

Shout it  
Go on and scream it from the mountains  
Go on and tell it to the masses  
That He is God (yeah)

We will sing out hallelujah  
And we will cry out hallelujah  
We will sing out hallelujah  
And shout yeah

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## He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail  
Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail  
He will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold  
He must hold me fast

He will hold me fast  
He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so  
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight  
Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in His holy sight  
He will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost  
His Promises shall last  
Bought by Him at such a cost  
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died  
Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied  
He will hold me fast  
Raised with Him to endless life  
He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight  
When He comes at last

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## Lord I Need You

Lord I come I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me  
Where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

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## Reason To Sing

When the pieces seem too shattered  
To gather off the floor  
And all that seems to matter  
Is that I don't feel You anymore  
No I don't feel You anymore

I need a reason to sing  
I need a reason to sing  
I need to know that You're still holding  
The whole world in Your hands  
I need a reason to sing

When I'm overcome by fear  
And I hate ev'rything I know  
If this waiting lasts forever  
I'm afraid I might let go  
I'm afraid I might let go oh

I need to know that You're still holding  
The whole world in Your hands  
That is a reason to sing

Will there be a victory  
Will You sing it over me now  
Your peace is the melody  
With You sing it over me now  
Yeah oh  
Will there be a victory  
Will You sing it over me now  
Yeah oh Lord  
Your peace is the melody  
Will You sing it over me now

I need a reason to sing  
I need a reason to sing  
I need to know that You're still holding  
The whole world in Your hands  
That is a reason to sing

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