

MARCH 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY



RIDGEPARADISE

"...He is risen indeed!"

Community Highlights

On the Radar... *See Linktree for more!*

- Kindred Women's Retreat [4/12]
- Rooted Younglife Banquet [4/6]
- Pastor Josh's Sabbatical [6/3-9/3]

Garden Blitz: Paradise/Magalia

Support local sustainable gardening!
April 12-14—See email/linktree for more

For the thorough list of announcements with links to **GIVING, EMAIL LIST, WORSHIP PLAYLIST, SMALL GROUPS, SERMONS**, etc. check out our Linktree by scanning the QR code to the right or by visiting our website as detailed below!



Ridge Kids

Pre-school & Elementary

Ordinarily kids are encouraged to stay in the service for Worship Singing and are released to head upstairs for children's church afterwards. Today, our regular children's ministry class will be suspended for Family Sunday, but we'll be back in the normal swing of things next week!

Note Challenge

For older kids (9yrs.+), we have sermon notebooks at the back of the sanctuary. If you turn in a note page with a little something you heard from the sermon, you'll get to take your pick from the prize basket.

Ridge Presbyterian Church

RidgeParadise & VespersChico

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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. This Jesus is really all we have to offer at RPC. We are convinced that not only is He enough, but that HE alone is true wisdom, life, and fullness of joy.

If you are new or newish here, we are so glad that you have joined us! We would love to know more about you, as well as give you the chance to learn a bit more about us. Use the QR code to the right to access our welcome card and let us know you were here.



Call to Worship: Various Selected Scriptures

[See Jn. 11.25; Ps. 118.22-23; Is. 53.7; Rev. 5.12; 1 Cor. 15.54 & Ps. 98.1]

LEADER: Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life.

PEOPLE: **The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; It is marvelous in our eyes.**

LEADER: He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth;

PEOPLE: **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain! Death is swallowed up in victory! Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

LEADER: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

– Opening Prayer –

Songs of Worship and Praise

Please feel free to worship in the way that the Lord is leading. Whether standing or sitting, hands raised or kneeling before the Lord. There is no required posture.

Tithes & Offerings

Our ushers will pass collection baskets during the final song. If writing a check, please make payable to "Ridge Presbyterian Church," since both Ridge Paradise and Vespers Chico are sites of Ridge Presbyterian. Thank you for your generosity.

Confession of Faith: The Apostle's 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 ...

God calls His people into worship, not the other way around. His Word is the only thing that can truly draw our hearts into worship in Spirit and Truth. And so, we begin here.

The Bible tells us to let the Word of Christ dwell within us richly by "singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs." Thus, we sing of what God has done, and about our delight in Him.

Tithes and Offerings are part of our worship and response to the gospel. When we grasp that "He who was rich, for our sake became poor" it stirs us to reflect that generosity in our giving.

Confession of Faith: The Apostle's Creed (Continued)

...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.

**Endured the full wrath of God the Father*

***The Church in all times and places*

Greetings & Fellowship

Welcome to all newcomers and visiting guests today. We are glad you are here! We'd love to connect with you in person or via the welcome card linked to the QR code to the left! During this time, parents may help kids with clipboards and visit the bathroom if needed. Regular children's ministry will return next week! (See back panel for more)

Small Group/Family Prayer: Prayers of Thanksgiving & Praise

Read, recite, and briefly discuss the verses below! Lift up prayers of thanksgiving and praise as a small group based on what you've read in these scriptures!

"And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ... But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead... For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive." -1Corinthians 15.17,20&22

Preaching of God's Word: Luke 24:1-9

"He Is Not Here, But Has Risen"

Pastor Josh Lee

¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

Benediction: Numbers 6.24-26

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."

Creeds and catechisms give us a chance to proclaim what we believe while also acknowledging that we are part of something bigger than this local church. We join our voice to Christians around the globe and throughout history who have confessed these same words.

Since we have peace with God through the work of Jesus, we gladly extend peace to one another and welcome each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. .

Prayer isn't just a private interaction with God, it is also a part of public worship. God calls His people to speak to Him as one unified body. "My" prayers become "Our" prayers as we cry out to Him together.

Because God has spoken to us through His Word we strive to proclaim what it says and teach what it means. It is through this Ministry of the Word that the Church receives training, correction, encouragement, and a deeper experience of the gospel of Jesus.

God gets the final word in the worship service. And with it He chooses to bless His people. That is what the word benediction means: "blessing." Go in the peace of His blessing!