# **APRIL 20,** 2025

### RESURRECTION SUNDAY



# RIDGEPARADISE

"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen" - Lk. 24.5-6

## Community Highlights

#### **Jesus Center Breakfast**

Next Sunday, April 27th See LinkTree or contact Doug Wion

#### Kindred Women's Conference

Next Weekend, April 25th-27th KindredNorCal@gmail.com for info and registration

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 (Suspended today for Family Service)

#### **Littler Kids**

Our infant to three year olds class is available for the whole service, and set up to be flexible to meet the children's needs for movement and comfort. Our lead teacher Tabitha reads a Bible story and sings songs with the toddler age kiddos and we have a volunteer to assist as needed. Pagers are provided.

#### **Bigger Kids**

Bigger Kids (ages four to eight) have a classroom in the children's wing, but won't be dismissed to Sunday School until right before the sermon. Our weekly teacher Sarah and a rotating team of volunteers are committed to introducing our kids to Scripture memory, prayer, and seeing Jesus in ALL of the Bible!

#### **Note Challenge**

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

### **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 from Job

"Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

My heart faints within me! "

#### **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.

#### Welcome of Communing Members (Vespers Only)

Praise God for His work in the lives of: Maple Reid, Arrow Wion, & Charlee Wright

"Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me."

#### Confession of Faith 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 buried...

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.

Today, these Covenant Children embrace their baptism from the heart by making a profession of faith and joining their church family in taking the Lord's Supper. Great is HIS faithfulness!

Creeds 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.

#### **Confession of Faith** Apostle's Creed (...Continued)

...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 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 through the welcome card linked to the QR code. Normally, we'd send kids to Sunday School during this time. But today we're having a family service with a special kids moment during the sermon. Check out the activity table in the back if needed.

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.

#### **Preaching of God's Word** Luke 24.13-32

"A Stranger No More" Pastor Josh Lee

<sup>13</sup> That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "What things?"...

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

#### **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Please receive your communion elements from our elders up front. Return to your seat and hold them until all have been served so we can eat and drink together.

Followers of Jesus are invited to His table where He spiritually feeds His people. Though these elements are common bread and wine, they symbolize His body and blood and "preach" to our senses that Christ abides in us and we abide in Him.

#### **Benediction** from Numbers 6

"May the LORD bless you and keep you, may He make His face to shine upon you, and give you peace, both now and forevermore."

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!