

# ASCENSION SUNDAY

## MAY 29, 2022

### VESPERS CHICO

*"...nothing among you except  
Jesus Christ and Him crucified."*

#### Connect & Serve

##### CareNet Baby Bottles

May 8th–June 19th  
Teresa Reid | 530.876.1113

##### Renewal Center Sunday

Sunday, June 5th  
More TBA soon

##### Memorial Day Remembrance

11:30am on May 30th; Paradise VFW Hall  
Ron Lassonde | 925.413.4903

##### Vespers 5

3:00pm on June 5th; Chapel Room at Vespers  
Kevin Reid | 530.864.8954

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.



#### Vespers Kids

##### Nursery & Toddlers

Parents of Babies can utilize the cry rooms on either side of the sanctuary. Toddlers (1–3yrs.) are invited to play in the Crawlers class located in the children's wing. Both of these childcare options are available for the entire service.

##### Pre-school & Elementary

Our Runners Class (3-5yrs.) and our Elementary Class (5-8yrs.) are dismissed after the Worship Singing. Parents can drop their kids off at their classrooms across the courtyard in the kid's wing. Pick-up is right after the Benediction

##### Note Challenge

For older kids (9yrs.+), we have clipboards on the back table for drawing/sketching/coloring. If you can turn in 10 note pages with a little something you heard in church each week, you earn a prize!

#### Ridge Presbyterian Church

RidgeParadise & VespersChico

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**Ascension Sunday** The Scriptures teach that the Resurrection was not the conclusion of Jesus' mission. After appearing to the disciples for forty days, Jesus ascended into heaven (Acts 1:3). And now He is seated at the right hand of the Father, where He rules and reigns over all things (Eph. 1:20). Today, we celebrate this glorious truth and remind ourselves that even in the midst of the anxiety, confusion, and uncertainty of this broken world, King Jesus is on the throne. And from that place of power and authority He tells us: "Fear not, I am with you."

**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 adapted from Eph. 1 & Rev. 5

Come and hear all you who love God,  
Of the Father's great power and might,  
How he raised Jesus, the Son, from the dead  
And seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places  
far above all rule and authority and power and dominion  
and above every name that is named  
not only in this age but also in the one to come.  
And gave us the Spirit of wisdom  
And revelation in the knowledge of Him.

**To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
Be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!**

*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.*

## 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.

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

## Tithes & Offerings

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

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

## Family Service Kid's Moment

Instead of being dismissed for Sunday School this week, our kids will be invited up front to share with the congregation some what they've been learning, including a new memory verse: Psalm 56:3. "When I am afraid, I put my trust in You."

## 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.

## 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; 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 Matthew 5

"Beatitudes"

Ruling Elder Caleb Fleming

- 5** Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
- <sup>3</sup> Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- <sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- <sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- <sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- <sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- <sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- <sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- <sup>11</sup> Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you [...]

*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.*

*Creeds give us a chance to proclaim  
what we believe while also acknowl-  
edging 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 creeds.*

*Because God has spoken to us  
through His Word we strive to pro-  
claim 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.*

## 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.

*God gets the final word in the wor-  
ship service. And with it He chooses  
to bless His people. Go in the peace  
of His blessing!*

## Defender

You go before I know  
That You've even gone to win my war  
You come back with the head of my enemy  
You come back and You call it my victory

You go before I know  
That You've even gone to win my war  
Your love becomes my greatest defense  
It leads me from the dry wilderness

All I did was praise  
All I did was worship  
All I did was bow down  
All I did was stay still

Hallelujah You have saved me  
So much better Your (this) way  
Hallelujah great Defender  
So much better Your (this) way

You know before I do  
Where my heart can seek to find Your truth  
Your mercy is the shade I'm living in  
You restore my faith and hope again

When I thought I lost me  
You knew where I left me  
You reintroduced me to Your love  
You picked up all my pieces  
Put me back together  
You are the defender of my heart

All I did was praise  
All I need to do is worship  
Lord I will just bow down  
I'm just gonna stay still

CCLI Song # 7081764  
John-Paul Gentile | Rita Springer | Steffany Frizzell Gretzinger  
2015 Capitol CMG Paragon (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

## Grace

Your grace that leads this sinner home  
From death to life forever  
And sings the song of righteousness  
By blood and not by merit

Your grace that reaches far and wide  
To every tribe and nation  
Has called my heart to enter in  
The joy of Your salvation

By grace I am redeemed  
By grace I am restored  
And now I freely walk  
Into the arms of Christ my Lord

Your grace that I cannot explain  
Not by my earthly wisdom  
The prince of life without a stain  
Was traded for this sinner

Let praise rise up and overflow  
My song resound forever  
For grace will see me welcomed home  
To walk beside my Saviour

CCLI Song # 7073330  
Jonny Robinson | Niki Shepherd | Rich Thompson  
2016 Getty Music Publishing (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.)

## Who Can Compare To You

Where would I be  
If it wasn't for Your kindness toward me  
You've been closer than a friend could ever be  
There is nothing on the earth  
That could take Your place

I am undone  
For You see all there was and all that will be  
Yet You've set Your vast affection upon me  
By Your voice the world was made  
And still You called my name

Who can compare to You  
Who moves my heart the way You do  
Who can compare to You  
Who moves my heart the way You do

Kingdoms come and kingdoms fade  
But always You remain  
Ages pass and seasons change  
But always You remain (the same)

CCLI Song # 7030066  
Matt Stinton  
2014 Bethel Music Publishing

## How Deep The Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

CCLI Song # 1558110  
Stuart Townend  
1995 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

## Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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Yet not I but through Christ in me  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

CCLI Song # 7121852

Jonny Robinson | Michael Farren | Rich Thompson  
2018 CityAlight Music (Admin. by Integrity Music)

## 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)  
(REPEAT)

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

CCLI Song # 5881130  
David Leonard | Leslie Jordan  
2011 Integrity's Praise! Music (Admin. by Integrity Music)