

**JULY 24, 2022**

Connect & Serve |

**VespersChico Pizza Night**

July 24th (TONIGHT!)  
Set up/Clean up helpers welcomed

**RidgeParadise Dinner Party**

Saturday, August 13th  
Rowena Drake | 530.521.6518

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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**VESPERSCHICO**

*“...nothing among you except  
Jesus Christ and Him crucified.”*

**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 Isaiah 43.18-21

Thus says the LORD,  
Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.  
Behold I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.  
The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches,

**For I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,  
To give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself  
That they might declare my praise.**

*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 spiritual songs.” Thus, we sing of what God has done, and about our delight 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 gospel. When we grasp that “He who was rich, for our sake became poor” it stirs us to reflect that generosity in our giving.*

## Dismissal & Blessing of Children

Our children are a blessing from the LORD! Return clipboards, visit the bathroom, and check kids in to the appropriate room for children’s church! (See back panel!)

*Discipling our children happens on Sundays at church and all throughout the week at home. We pray a blessing on our kiddoes as we send them off to children’s ministry.*

## 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.

## Missions Moment International Neighbors w/Chandler Conner

Today we hear from Chandler Conner as he prepares for a new semester ministering to International students at Chico State. Chandler will also be sharing further and taking questions at the Pizza Dinner after the Vespers worship service. To visit Chandler’s donation page, use the QR code to the right.



*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.*

*As we pray for God’s work across the globe we are reminded that the gospel is not restrained by borders or nationalities. It brings people from all over the globe together in ONE unified Body of Christ.*

## 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 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*

*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 creeds.*

## Preaching of God’s Word Selections from Matthew 5

“The Sermon”

Ruling Elder Caleb Fleming

<sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup> For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven...”

*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.*

## 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 worship service. And with it He chooses to bless His people. Go in the peace of His blessing!*

## Hallelujah What A Savior (Gethsemane)

Man of sorrows what a name  
For the Son of God who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim  
Hallelujah what a Savior

Bearing shame and scoffing rude  
In my place condemned He stood  
Sealed my pardon with His blood  
Hallelujah what a Savior

Guilty vile and helpless we  
Spotless Lamb of God was He  
Full atonement can it be  
Hallelujah what a Savior

Lifted up was He to die  
It is finished was His cry  
Now in heaven exalted high  
Hallelujah what a Savior

When He comes our glorious King  
All His ransomed home to bring  
Then anew this song we'll sing  
Hallelujah what a Savior

CCLI Song # 29530  
Philip Paul Bliss  
Words: Public Domain

## Majesty

Here I am  
Humbled by Your majesty  
Covered by Your grace so free  
Here I am  
Knowing I'm a sinful man  
Covered by the blood of the Lamb

Now I've found the greatest love of all is mine  
Since You laid down Your life  
The greatest sacrifice

Majesty majesty  
Your grace has found me just as I am  
Empty handed but alive in Your hands

Here I am  
Humbled by the love that You give  
Forgiven so that I can forgive  
Here I stand  
Knowing that I'm Your desire  
Sanctified by glory and fire

Majesty majesty  
Your grace has found me just as I am  
Empty handed but alive in Your hands  
Majesty majesty  
Forever I am changed by Your love  
In the presence of Your majesty

CCLI Song # 4219071  
Martin Smith | Stuart Garrard  
2003, 2004 Curious? Music UK (Admin. by Integrity Music)

## Nothing Is Holding Me Back

Thank You for the cross that You have carried  
Thank You for Your blood that was shed  
You took the weight of sin upon Your shoulders  
Sacrificed Your life so I could live

Now nothing is holding me back from You  
Redeemer of my soul  
Now nothing can hold me back from You  
Your love will never let me go

Thank You for Your death and resurrection  
Thank You for the power of Your blood  
I am overwhelmed by Your affection  
The kindness and the greatness of Your love  
The kindness and the greatness of Your love

Jesus You make all things new

Thank You that we're living in Your Kingdom  
Jesus You're the King upon the throne  
Thank You for the way You always love me  
Now I get to love You in return  
Now I get to love You in return

CCLI Song # 6096027  
Bryan Torwalt | Katie Torwalt  
2011 Capitol CMG Genesis (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

## Ancient Of Days

Though the nations rage  
Kingdoms rise and fall  
There is still one King  
Reigning over all  
So I will not fear  
For this truth remains  
That my God is the Ancient of Days

None above Him none before Him  
All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand  
All the power all the glory  
I will trust in His name  
For my God is the Ancient of days

Though the dread of night  
Overwhelms my soul  
He is here with me  
I am not alone  
O His love is sure  
And He knows my name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see  
What the future brings  
I will watch and wait  
For the Saviour king  
Then my joy complete  
Standing face to face  
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

For my God is the Ancient of Days

CCLI Song # 7121851  
Jesse Reeves | Jonny Robinson | Michael Farren | Rich Thompson  
2018 CityAight Music (Admin. by Integrity Music)

## 'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to take Him at His word  
Just to rest upon His promise  
And to know thus saith the Lord

Jesus Jesus how I trust Him  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
Jesus Jesus precious Jesus  
O for grace to trust Him more

O how sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to trust His cleansing blood  
Just in simple faith to plunge me  
'Neath the healing cleansing flood

Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just from sin and self to cease  
Just from Jesus simply taking  
Life and rest and joy and peace

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee  
Precious Jesus Savior Friend  
And I know that Thou art with me  
Wilt be with me to the end

CCLI Song # 4487195

Lavik, Jadon | Louisa M. R. Stead | Lyndsay Wallace | Tony Guerrero | William James Kirkpatrick

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