



Cypress Ridge PCA

May 4, 2025

**Join our 10:30 am Worship Service
at CRPC or Livestream!**

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WELCOME

We are glad you chose to worship with us today. It is our hope that today's service will be a fresh encounter with God's love and grace.

OUR MISSION: Because we were created to be a **Christ-centered connected community**, we seek to make disciples of all people & generations through Gospel-centered worship, Faithful service, and Authentic relationships.

WE DO THIS BY: Building disciples of Jesus who are rooted in the Gospel, serving on mission, and connecting in community.

CRPC is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America: pcanet.org

VISITOR/PRAYER REQUEST CARD

Visitors: We would like to get to know you! Please fill out the Visitor Card and put it in the offering box. We also encourage you to look at our website for further information: www.cypressridge-pca.org.

Prayer Requests: Please record your prayer request on the Visitor Card and put it in the offering box.

CHILDREN

We offer numerous options for children during worship:

- Children are welcome to remain in the sanctuary for the entire service. (Approximately one hour and 15 minutes.)
- There is a nursery for infants through 3 years old.
- Children's Prayer: Children of all ages will be invited to come forward for prayer during our worship service. After the prayer, children may return to their seats or go to Children's Worship.
- Children's Worship is offered for those from age 4 through 3rd grade. Children return to the sanctuary before Communion.
- There is a cry room at the back of the sanctuary where parents can take their child(ren) during the service.

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THE LORD GATHERS THE NATIONS

We believe that the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – calls the world to worship Him. As a Christian community, we gather together on the first day of each week to worship Him as we are led by the Spirit. As we worship, we bring our praise and our concerns, our joys and our sorrows, our hopes and our troubles.

Prelude

**Please silence your electronic devices*

Announcements

Reflection on Worship

We should ask God to increase our hope when it is small, awaken it when it is dormant, confirm it when it is wavering, strengthen it when it is weak, and raise it up when it is overthrown.

— John Calvin

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship

from Psalm 103

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

Response: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him.

Response: The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Blessed Be Your Name

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Blessed be Your Name in the land that is plentiful
Where streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your Name
Blessed be Your Name when I'm found in the desert place
When I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your Name
Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

*Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your Name
Blessed be the Name of the Lord; blessed be Your glorious Name*

Blessed be Your Name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your Name
Blessed be Your Name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your Name
Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

Chorus

You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your Name

Chorus

This is Amazing Grace

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Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

[Song continued on the next page]

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross
You laid down your life, that I would be set free
Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me*

Who brings our chaos back into order; who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory, the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

*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*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Chorus

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

Monthly Memory Verse

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Prayer for Children *[Children's Worship available for children 4 yrs. - 3rd grade.]*

THE LORD REVEALS HIMSELF TO THE WORLD

God calls the nations to follow him primarily through the reading and exposition of His inspired, infallible, and inerrant word as contained in the Old and New Testaments.

We believe that the Scriptures teach what man is to believe concerning God and what duty God requires of man.

Sermon

Pastor Rodney Barton

John 20:24-29

Pew Bible p. 907; Large Print Bible p.1078

Jesus Meets Us Where We Are

Intro

Principle: *Blessed are those who believe.*

Problem: *People fluctuate between belief and unbelief.*

Gospel: *Jesus meets us in our unbelief.*

Response: *The blessing of belief is that the Holy Spirit transforms us to live confidently.*

Questions to Consider

1. What demands have you made to God in order to believe? How is that an example of unbelief?
2. What causes you to waiver in your belief of God? What Scriptures reground you in faith?
3. How has Jesus met you in your unbelief?

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

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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
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THE LORD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO PRAY

Throughout Scripture, God's people are called to pray through adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication. As we come to the Lord in prayer, we are placing our dependence and trust in the One who forgives, who cares, and who strengthens.

Confession of Sin

Hebrews 11:6

Leader: And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we know from Your Word that You sent Jesus, Your only Son, to be the sacrificial Lamb for us, taking the penalty for our sins. We know that He died and rose again and is now reigning with You. Yet, too often we waiver in our faith. We doubt Your goodness towards us and we forget that You always prove Yourself faithful. We know that in Christ, all things are possible for those who believe, so Lord, have compassion on us and help us, for we believe; help us in our unbelief! We ask through Your gracious and forgiving Son. Amen.

[Scripture passages taken and adapted from Mark 9:22-24]

[Silent Confession]

Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 10:12,14

Leader: But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God... For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

New Members Received

*Dennis & Debbie Childress
Bob Donaldson
Christy Fung
Austin & Sarah Suddarth*

THE LORD PROVIDES OUR DAILY BREAD

Worship includes returning to God and His work a portion of our material possessions as tithes and offerings. We ask Him to use the generosity of His people to continue and to advance the work of His church.

Offertory Scripture

Exodus 23:19a

Leader: The best of the firstfruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of the LORD your God.

Congregational Prayer

Mission of the Month: *Esaie & Natacha Etienne, MTW*

Community Needs: Winter Haven, leaders & beyond

Health Issues: Rosie C.; Sheryl B.; Sam N.; Bob W.; Dulce R.; Bobbi R.

Homebound: Larry & Pat Moss

Jesus, Your Name

Words & Music by Keith & Kristyn Getty and Ian Hannah. UBP CCLI #3038781.

Jesus, Your name, Prince of Peace; quiets my soul, treasures the least

In perfect rest You will keep all whose hope is in You

Jesus, Your name can silence the storms

The strivings that trouble our world

Jesus, Your name reveals You as Lord

Oh, powerful name

Jesus, Your name, Counsellor; Wonderful Way, Life's Comforter

Spirit of Truth defending me, though in me was the blame

Jesus, Your name has stood in my place

And freed me from hopeless shame

Jesus, Your name now father's me

With joy I bear His name

Jesus, Your name, Mighty God; All Pow'rful One, ruling in love

There is a King upon the throne earth cannot overthrow

Jesus, Your name great banner of hope

Steadies the knees of the weak

Jesus, the name all nations will praise

Oh, glorious name

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH HIS PEOPLE

The climax of our worship is sitting at the Table with the Lord. We come to the Table full of thankfulness and joy because of His grace. As the perfect Lamb of God, Jesus' sacrifice reconciled us to the Father so that we are in a right relationship with him.

Words of Institution

Leader: Therefore, we proclaim the faith:

Unison: Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!!!

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Bread: Regular bread will be offered unless gluten-free bread is requested.

Cup: Grape juice will be offered unless wine is requested.

What is Communion?

Communion is also known as the Lord's Supper. The bread represents the broken body of Christ, and the cup represents the blood Jesus poured out as the Sacrificial Lamb (*see 1 Corinthians 11:23-26*).

When we celebrate this feast, we commune with the risen Lord Jesus who stands as our host to offer spiritual nourishment, renewal and life. We also participate together in the reconciling grace of God.

Who can take Communion?

We warmly welcome to the table all who have publicly professed their faith in Jesus – trusting in His once-for-all sacrificial death upon the cross.

At Cypress Ridge, we ask children to wait to take communion until they have met with the elders to share their faith in Jesus.

If you have not yet professed faith in Jesus, we encourage you to spend this time reflecting on the prayers below.

Prayer for those searching for the truth

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, truth and life. If what You claim is true, please guide me and teach me. Give me an understanding of who You are, and open up my heart so that I may have faith in You. Amen.

Prayer of faith

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am more sinful than I ever believed, but through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross. Knowing that You have also been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive You as my Savior. Amen.

THE LORD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

*God does not save us simply from something. He saves us to something ...
to be His messengers of redemption to a lost and fallen world. He sends us out redeemed,
loved, and with a purpose. We are called to bear witness to what He is doing in our lives
where we live, work, and play. Praise be to God!*

Benediction

adapted from Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord
Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good
that you may do His will, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Choral Response

Doxology

Doxology

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Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen

CRPC FAMILY EVENTS

TODAY ...

- **Sunday School:** At 9:15 am - classes for all ages!
 - **Adults:** Psalms at the Seams, Room 110
 - **Teens:** The Who Series, Room 111
 - **Children:** The Biggest Story, Room 103
 - **Nursery:** Ages 3 and under
- **Worship Service at CRPC & Livestream:** At 10:30 am.
 - Each service is recorded and will be available to watch following the service on YouTube.
- **Congregational Meeting:** Following the service.

CONNECT GROUPS ... *See a leader to learn more!*

- **Barton/Holdener Group:** Meeting Sunday, May 4th, at 5 pm, at Rodney & Jennifer Barton's home.
- **Wood Group:** Meeting Sunday, May 4th, at 12:30 pm, at the church.
- **Childress/Bachelder Group:** Meeting Wednesday, May 7th, at 5:30 pm, at Charles & Shirley Burkett's home.
- **Reyes Group:** Meeting Sunday, May 18th, at 12 pm, at the church.
- **Smith Group:** Meeting Sunday, May 25th, at 5 pm, at Matt & Anna Smith's home.
- **Luchenbill Group:** *Done till the Fall!*

THIS WEEK ...

- **Thursday Evening:** Boathouse (6-12th grade) at 6:30 pm.
- **Friday Afternoon:** Girls' D-Group (6-12th grade) at 3 pm, at Anna Smith's home.
- **Saturday Morning:** Men's Sunrise Bible Study at 7 am.
- **Saturday Morning:** Men's Breakfast at 9 am.

COMMUNITY BIBLE READING ...

*After you read through the chapters, pray through them with A.C.T.S.
(Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication)*

Monday: Exodus 39 and 2 Corinthians 5
Tuesday: Exodus 40 and 2 Corinthians 6
Wednesday: Leviticus 1 and 2 Corinthians 7
Thursday: Leviticus 2 and 2 Corinthians 8
Friday: Leviticus 3 and 2 Corinthians 9
Saturday: Psalm 19

ON THE HORIZON ...

- **Homeless Bag Ministry:** Friday, May 16th, at 10 am.
- **Boathouse Overnight Retreat:** May 16-17th, (6-12th grade).
- **Senior Sunday:** Sunday, May 18th. Graduates this year are: Joshua Barton, Carina Bonachea, Cross Habeil, Lain Johnson, Monique McNeill & Savannah Reyes.
- **Memorial Day Park Day:** Kidz Outing at the Winter Haven Trailhead Park, May 26th, 9 am - 11 am. *There is a splashpad.*
- **Community Missions Event Opportunity:** Lake Wales Care Center is celebrating 40 years of ministry on Friday, May 30th, from 4-7 pm, at 140 E. Park Avenue Lake Wales, FL 33898. All are invited to attend the Street Party Celebration!

- **Mom's Summer Bible Study:** Save these dates to join us for a Summer mini Bible study & Prayer group for moms. Bring your kids for supervised play while we meet for spiritual encouragement. Thursday mornings: June 12, July 10, & July 31 from 9:30-11:30. *RSVP to Jennifer Barton.*
- **Vacation Bible School:** June 16-20th, 6-8 pm. Save the dates!

FYI ...

- **Plastic Bag Collection:** Please help the Homeless Bag Ministry by donating your plastic grocery bags! There is a collection box by the Welcome Center.
- **Snack Time:** If you would like to bring snacks, you can sign up at the coffee bar!
- **Resource Table:** We provide free copies of *Our Daily Bread* (large print & regular) and *Tabletalk* at the Welcome Center.
- **Visitor/Prayer Request Card:** If you are a visitor, please fill out the card, under the seat in front of you, and place it in the offering box. Any prayer or visitation request may also be put on this card.
- **Post-Service Prayer:** If you would like prayer after the service, there will be leaders at the front of the sanctuary, by the piano, available to meet and pray with you.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE ...

SERVING IN MAY 2025

Deacon of the Month: Charles Burkett

Greeters: Matt Sanders & Jon Parmerter

Communion Preparation: David & Blossom Warren

Nursery:

05/04 – Stephanie & Renae Anderson

05/11 – Stephanie & Briana Campos

05/18 – Stephanie & Katelyn Wedeman

05/25 – Stephanie & Kay Smith

Children's Worship:

05/04 – Sheryl, Jessica S. & Gabby

05/11 – Anna, Carolyn & Melissia

05/18 – Philip & Jeanie Baier

05/25 – Ginger, Terri & Athenna

Snacks:

05/04 – Reyes Connect Group

05/11 – Smith Connect Group

05/18 – Graduation Cake

05/25 – TBD

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

05/05 – Jim Hanna

05/07 – Paul & Melissia Pletcher

05/08 – Briana Campos

05/09 – Patt Hall



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