



# A Series in Samuel

**Cypress Ridge PCA**

September 3, 2023

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

*[cypressridge-pca.org](http://cypressridge-pca.org)*

## 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. This bulletin will guide you as we worship together.

## OUR PURPOSE

Cypress Ridge PCA exists to **Glorify God** *through*: **Exalting** God's Glory, **Equipping** God's People, and **Extending** God's Kingdom.

CRPC is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America: [pcanet.org](http://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](http://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 and pre-school room. The nursery is for infants through 1 year olds. The pre-school room is for 2-3 year olds.
- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

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## **Prelude**

*\*Please silence your electronic devices*

## **Announcements**

## **Reflection on Worship**

*The Word of God is a lamp by night,  
a light by day, and a delight at all times.*

*- Charles Spurgeon*

## **Prayer of Invocation**

## **Call to Worship**

Psalm 135:1-3, 5

**Leader:** Praise the LORD!

**Response:** Praise the name of the LORD, give praise, O servants of the LORD, who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God!

**Leader:** Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to His name, for it is pleasant!

**Response:** For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.

## **O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (Hallelujah)**

*Words: Charles Wesley. Music: Charles G. Gläzer UBP CCLI #3038781.*

O for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears; 'tis life, and health, and peace

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah; all praise to our God  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah; all praise to our God*

He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free  
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim  
To spread thro' all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name

*Chorus*

## **Everlasting God**

*Authors, Brenton Brown & Ken Riley. UBP CCLI #3038781.*

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord (2x)

Our God, You reign forever  
Our hope, our strong deliverer

*You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God  
You do not faint, You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles*

## **Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed**

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How can it be the One who died  
Has born our sin through sacrifice  
To conquer ev'ry sting of death? Sing, sing hallelujah!

For joy awakes as dawning light  
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes  
Alive He stands, their Friend and King! Christ, Christ He is risen

*Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah  
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed  
"Christ is risen, He is risen indeed"*

Where doubt and darkness once had been  
They saw Him and their hearts believed  
But blessed are those who have not seen, yet sing "Hallelujah!"

Once bound by fear, now bold in faith  
They preached the truth and pow'r of grace  
And pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting

### *Chorus*

The pow'r that raised Him from the grave  
Now works in us to pow'rfully save  
He frees our hearts to live His grace. Go, tell of His goodness!

### *Chorus*

## **Monthly Memory Verse**

1 Samuel 2:2

There is none holy like the LORD: for there is none besides You; there is  
no rock like our God.

## **Prayer for Children**

*Children's Worship available for children 4 yrs. – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Kidz Guide to  
Worship papers are available in the back, for students staying in the service.*



# 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.*

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**Sermon**

Pastor Rodney Barton

1 Samuel 2:12-4:1

Pew Bible p. 226

Large Print Bible p. 284

*A Rare Gem*

*Because God's Word is precious, we must:*

*I. Listen to the Word*

*II. Engage in the Word*

*III. Mature in the Word*

## **Speak, O Lord**

*Words and Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend. UBP CCLI #3038781.*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy word  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us, Lord, full obedience  
Holy reverence, true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of pow'r that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory

## 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.*

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### Confession of Sin

Daniel 9:4b-5

**Leader:** O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from Your commandments and rules.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, we confess that we do not always listen to, respect, or even actively engage in Your Word. We acknowledge that it is a living and active sword that You gave us - to help us grow in the likeness of Jesus and to remind us of Your faithfulness to us. Yet so often we choose to ignore it and live in selfishness and pride. Forgive us, Lord, and cause our hearts to yearn for your Word, just as a deer yearns for streams of water. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

[Silent Confession]

### Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:4-5

**Leader:** Surely [Christ] has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed.



## 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.*

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### Offertory Scripture

Leviticus 27:30

**Leader:** Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the LORD's; it is holy to the LORD.

### Congregational Prayer

**Missionaries of the Month:** Roger & Shirley Brown, Africa Inland Mission

**Battling Cancer:** Susie Fuday, Shawn Holdener, and Sue Gilkey

**Health Issues:** Laurie Johnston, Pat Dearmyer, Dennis Knappenberger, Rick & Rosie DeCoito, Pat Moss, Brenda Donnell

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### Jesus Messiah

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He became sin, who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing, love so amazing

*Jesus Messiah, name above all names; Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven; Jesus Messiah, Lord of all*

His body the bread, His blood, the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing, love so amazing

### Chorus

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You  
All the glory to You, God, the light of the world

### Chorus

## 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.*

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### **Distribution of the Bread and Cup**

*Bread: Gluten free bread is located in the cups within the basket.*

*Cup: The outer ring is wine; the inner rings are juice.*

#### ***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!*

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### **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.

### **Unison Response:**

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

### **Choral Response**

*Tri-fold Amen*

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# CRPC FAMILY EVENTS

## TODAY ...

- **Worship Service at CRPC & Livestream:** At 10:30 am.
  - Each service is recorded and will be available to watch following the service on YouTube.
- **Special Congregational Meeting:** There has been a motion to call a congregational meeting for the purpose of approving the session's recommendation of a pulpit search committee.

## THIS WEEK ...

- **Monday:** Office closed for the holiday.
- **Thursday Evening:** Boathouse (7-12<sup>th</sup> grade) at 6:30 pm.
- **Friday Evening:** Kidz Night Out (infant-6<sup>th</sup> grade) at 6 pm.
- **Saturday Morning:** Men's Sunrise Bible Study at 7 am.

## BIBLE READING THIS WEEK ...

*As you read, ask these questions:*

*1) What does this teach me about God? 2) What does this teach me about how I should live?*

**Monday:** Luke 8:16-21; 1 Timothy 5:24-25; James 1:22-25

**Tuesday:** Luke 8:22-39; Psalm 104:5-7; Psalm 57:1-3; Psalm 66:16-20

**Wednesday:** Luke 8:40-56; Leviticus 15:19-30; Acts 20:7-12

**Thursday:** Luke 9:1-9 ; Nehemiah 5:6-13

**Friday:** Luke 9:10-22; Acts 3:17-26

## ON THE HORIZON ...

- **Sunday School:** Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Classes begin at 9:15 am for all ages.
- **Ice Cream Truck:** We will be celebrating the Sunday School kickoff with an ice cream truck after the worship service! Get a free frozen treat - any donations will help offset the cost.
- **Girls' Discipleship Group (7-12<sup>th</sup> grade):** Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 pm. Held at Anna Smith's home.
- **Ladies Bible Study:** Thursday mornings, beginning September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 9:45 am. The ladies will be studying "1 Peter: A Living Hope in Christ", by Jen Wilkin.
  - Interested in joining the study? There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary. Books will be pre-ordered by the church. You can pay Jennifer Barton \$16 at the study.
- **Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, at 9 am.
- **Baby Shower:** Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, at 12 pm. Ladies, you are invited to a baby shower honoring Anna Smith, celebrating the upcoming birth of Matt & Anna's baby girl. A light lunch will be provided. Matt and Anna have a baby registry on Amazon "Anna Smith, Winter Haven FL".
- **"L.O.L." Ladies Out to Lunch:** Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at noon, at Golden Corral (private party room).
- **Kidz Service Club Meeting:** Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, following the worship service. KSC is for students 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade.

FYI ...

- **Condolences to the Wood Family:** Our condolences extend to Bob & Gloria Wood in the recent loss of Bob's brother, Bill, and his wife, Carolyn. Bill and Carolyn were t-boned last week and did not survive the complications from the car accident. Please be praying for Bill and Carolyn's son, Tad in this time of loss.
- **Connect Groups:** Sign up at the Welcome Center!
  - **Barton/Holdener Group:** Meeting at Tim & Jessica Holdener's home, Sundays at 5 pm. Start date September 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Johnson/Smith Group:** Meeting at Matt & Anna Smith's home, Sundays at 5 pm. Start date September 17<sup>th</sup>.  
*Following 9/17, meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.*
  - **Luchenbill Group:** Meeting at Bob & Barb Luchenbill's home, Sundays at 5 pm. Start date: September 17<sup>th</sup>.  
*Following 9/17, meeting the first Sunday of the month.*
  - **Pletcher/Bacheldor Group:** Meeting at Sheryl Bacheldor's home, Sundays at 12:30 pm. Start date: September 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Reyes Group:** Meeting at the church, Sundays at 5 pm. Start date TBA.
  - **Wood Group:** Meeting at the church, Sundays at 12 pm. Start date TBA.
- **Ministry Opportunity:** David and Carolyn Holdener will be driving Shawn to Orlando 5 days a week for 6 weeks to receive radiation treatments. There is a box in the back of the sanctuary if you would like to contribute a gift (gas/food gift card, cash/check).
- **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 and regular print) and *Tabletalk* at our Resource Table located at the back of the sanctuary and 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 SEPTEMBER 2023

*Deacon of the Month:* Paul Pletcher

*Ushers:* Art Gilkey & Phil Baier

*Communion Preparation:* Karen Brown, Lynne Knisley & Kitty Long

*Nursery Volunteers:*

9/3 - Kay Smith & Renae Anderson

9/10 - Jessica Sanders & Briana Campos

9/17 - Lois Adair & Brenda Knappenberger

9/24 - Abby Babcock & Katelynn Wedeman

*Children's Worship Volunteers:*

9/3 - Sheryl Bacheldor & Melissia Pletcher

9/10 - Anna Smith & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

9/17 - Anna Smith & Susie Reyes

9/24 - Ginger Andersen & Terri Jefferies

*Snacks:*

9/3 - Ginger Andersen

9/10 - Ice Cream Truck

9/17 - TBD

9/24 - The Boathouse & Marilyn Smith

### THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:

9/5 - Sheryl Bacheldor

9/5 - Wayne Wheeler

9/6 - Alicia Aviles

9/7 - Rosie Smith



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