



A Series in Samuel

Cypress Ridge PCA

October 8, 2023

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

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

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 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 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

“True worship is obedience to God for no other reason than that you delight in God.”

- J. D. Greear

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship

from Psalm 33

Leader: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!

Response: Give thanks to the LORD; sing to Him a new song!

Leader: By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host.

Response: Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

Our God

*Composers: Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman, Jesse Reeves, and Chris Tomlin.
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Water you turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You, none like You

Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You, none like You

*Our God is greater, our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer, awesome in power our God, our God*

Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You, none like You

Chorus

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against
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Chorus

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*

[Hymn continued on the next page]

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

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

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

Chorus

Be Thou My Vision

*Words: Eleanor H. Hull. Music: Irish Folk Melody, arr. By David B. Hampton. © 1998
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Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

Monthly Memory Verse

Proverbs 21:3

To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than
sacrifice.



Prayer for Children

*Children's Worship for 4 yrs. – 3rd grade. Kidz Guide to Worship papers are
available in the back, for the older students.*

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

1 Samuel 15

Pew Bible p. 237

Large Print Bible p. 298

To Obey or Not to Obey...

Since God delights in our obedience rather than sacrifice, we must obey.

I. Obey by Hearing God's Word

II. Obey by Acknowledging Our Sin

III. Obey by Repenting of Our Sin

Questions to Consider

1. How is God's Word relevant to you today & how do you seek to apply His Word?
2. Why is it hard to acknowledge and 'own' your sin? How do you make yourself out to be the victim of sin? What sin do you commonly find yourself shifting the blame to someone or something else?
3. How does seeing our sin for what it is lead us to repent? What does false repentance look like? True repentance?

Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer

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Jesus draw me ever nearer
As I labor through the storm
You have called me to this passage
And I'll follow though I'm worn

*May this journey bring a blessing
May I rise on wings of faith
And at the end of my heart's testing
With Your likeness let me wake*

Jesus guide me through the tempest
Keep my spirit staid and sure
When the midnight meets the morning
Let me love You even more

Chorus

May the treasures of the trial
Form within me as I go
And at the end of this long passage
Let me leave them at Your throne

Chorus

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

Psalm 51:3-4

Leader: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.

Prayer: Almighty God, we confess that we disobey You in thought, word, and deed on a daily basis. Forgive us when we portray a false repentance – seeking only to look “good” in others’ eyes and not caring about the depth or impact of our sin. Cause us to hate our sin and to long for a life of Christ-like holiness. Help us, O Lord, for we cannot do any of this without Your help. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

[Silent Confession]

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:7

Leader: In [Christ] we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

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

2 Corinthians 9:7

Leader: Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Congregational Prayer

Missionaries of the Month: PCA Relief Fund, see genevabenefits.org

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

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

Jesus, I am Resting

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Jesus, I am resting, resting; in the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness; of Thy loving heart
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee; and Thy beauty fills my soul
For by Thy transforming power; Thou hast made me whole

O, how great Thy loving kindness; vaster, broader than the sea
O, how marvelous Thy goodness; lavished all on me
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved; know what wealth of grace is Thine
Know Thy certainty of promise; and have made it mine

*Jesus, I am resting, resting; in the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness; of Thy loving heart*

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; I behold Thee as Thou art
And Thy love, so pure, so changeless; satisfies my heart
Satisfies its deepest longings; meets, supplies its every need
Compasseth me round with blessings; Thine is love indeed

Chorus

Ever lift Thy face upon me; as I work and wait for Thee
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus; earth's dark shadows flee
Brightness of my Father's glory; sunshine of my Father's face
Keep me ever trusting, resting; fill me with Thy grace

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.

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!*

Benediction

Romans 15:5-6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Unison Response:

Christ has died!

Christ has risen!

Christ will come again!!!

Choral Response

Tri-fold Amen

CRPC FAMILY EVENTS

TODAY ...

- **Sunday School:** Classes available for all ages at 9:15 am.
- **Worship Service at CRPC & Livestream:** At 10:30 am.
 - Each service is recorded and will be available to watch following the service on YouTube.

CONNECT GROUPS ... Contact a leader to learn more!

- **Johnson/Smith Group (Brad: 863-877-8589):** Meeting at Matt & Anna Smith's home, Sundays at 5 pm, meeting: 10/8.
- **Wood Group (Bob:419-969-4056):** Meeting at the church, Sundays at 12:15 pm, meeting: 10/8.
- **Pletcher/Bacheldor Group (Paul: 863-206-9679):** Meeting at Charles & Shirley Burkett's home, at 6 pm, meeting: 10/11.
- **Barton/Holdener Group (Rodney: 407-375-2756):** Meeting at Rodney & Jennifer Barton's home, at 5 pm, meeting: 10/15.
- **Reyes Group (David: 863-206-8278):** Meeting at the church, Sundays at 5 pm, meeting: 10/15.
- **Luchenbill Group (Bob: 517-398-2212):** Meeting at Bob & Barb Luchenbill's home, Sundays at 5 pm, meeting: 11/5.

THIS WEEK ...

- **Monday Afternoon:** Girls' Discipleship Group at 4:15 pm at Anna Smith's home.
- **Thursday Morning:** Ladies Bible Study at 9:45 am. See Jennifer Barton with any questions. Childcare is provided.
- **Thursday Evening:** Boathouse (7-12th grade) at 6:30 pm.
- **Friday Evening:** Kidz Night Out at 6 pm.
- **Saturday Morning:** Men's Sunrise Bible Study at 7 am.
- **Saturday Morning:** 2023 SWFL Presbytery Women's Conference at 8:30 am. See Jennifer Barton for details.
- **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: Job 25 and Mark 12
Tuesday: Job 26 and Mark 13
Wednesday: Job 27 and Mark 14
Thursday: Job 28 and Mark 15
Friday: Job 29 and Mark 16:1-8
Saturday: Psalm 94

ON THE HORIZON ...

- **L.O.L. (Ladies out to Lunch):** Wednesday, October 18th at 12 pm, at the Pletcher's home. B.Y.O. lunch, drinks & desserts provided. Please R.S.V.P. with Melissia at 863-207-1881.
- **Kidz Service Club Project:** Friday, October 20th from 3:45-5 pm.
- **Mercy Fund Collection:** Sunday, October 29th.
- **Fall Festival:** Saturday, November 4th, 4-6 pm. Sign-ups to bring chili/dessert will begin next week!
- **Women's Christmas Celebration:** Monday, December 4th. Save the date. More details to come.
- **Ladies Christmas Bus Tour:** Friday, December 15th, cost \$99. More fun details to come!
 - Tour includes: Motor Coach transportation, Lunch, Admission to the Henry B. Museum.
 - Make checks payable to Small World Tours. See Sheryl Bacheldor for more information 863-514-4821.

FYI ...

- **Congratulations to the May Family:** Welcome to the world Auley Paul May. Auley was born to Jerrod and Amber May on October 5, 2023, weighing 8 lb. 14oz. and 22 ¼ inches long.
 - **Take Them a Meal:** If you would like to take a meal to the May family, please sign up at takethemameal.com (use *may* as last name & password).
- **God's Provision Through September 2023:**

September General Fund Giving:	\$24,346
YTD September GF Giving:	\$293,189
YTD September Exp. Paid:	\$273,300
YTD Budget:	\$266,971
YTD Mercy Fund:	\$4,970
- **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 OCTOBER 2023

Usher of the Month: Terry Schmucker

Ushers: Brad Johnson & Joe Johnston

Communion Preparation: Leopold & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

Nursery Volunteers:

10/8 - Kay Smith & Katelyn Wedeman

10/15 - Shirley Burkett & Kaleigh Fung

10/22 - Dave Holdener & Katelynn Wedeman

10/29 - Briana Campos & Matt Sanders

Children's Worship Volunteers:

10/8 - Anna Smith & Terri Jefferies

10/15 - Ginger Andersen & Terri Jefferies

10/22 - Philip & Jeanie Baier

10/29 - Betty Parmerter & Melissia Pletcher

Snacks:

10/8 - John & Katelynn Wedeman

10/15 - Lanzilotti Family

10/22 - May Family

10/29 - TBD

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:

10/14 - Ron Castleberry



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