



# A Series in Samuel

**Cypress Ridge PCA**

September 10, 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 strong hands of God twisted the crown of thorns  
into a crown of glory; and in such hands we are safe.*

*- Charles Williams*

## **Prayer of Invocation**

### **Call to Worship**

from Psalm 89 & 95

**Leader:** Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Response:** I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

**Leader:** Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD, Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

**Response:** Blessed be the LORD forever! Amen and Amen.

## **Rejoice the Lord is King**

*Text: Charles Wesley. Music: John Darwall. UBP CCLI #3038781.*

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore  
Rejoice give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice

The Lord, our Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love  
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven  
The keys of death and hell, are to our Jesus given  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice

## **To God Be the Glory**

*Words: Fanny J. Crosby. Music: William Doane. Arr. David B. Hampton ©1998  
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To God be the glory, great things He hath done  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son  
Who yielded His life, an atonement for sin  
And opened the life-gate, that all may go in

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear His voice  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice  
O come to the Father; through Jesus the Son  
And give Him the glory; great things He hath done*

O perfect redemption; the purchase of blood  
To every believer; the promise of God  
The vilest offender who truly believes  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

*Chorus*

## **I Will Glory in My Redeemer**

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I will glory in my Redeemer; whose priceless blood has ransomed me  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails  
And hung Him on that judgment tree  
I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who crushed the power of sin and death  
My only Savior before the Holy Judge  
The Lamb who is my righteousness x 2

I will glory in my Redeemer; my life He bought, my love He owns  
I have no longings for another  
I'm satisfied in Him alone  
I will glory in my Redeemer  
His faithfulness my standing place  
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me  
My feet are firm, held by His grace x 2

I will glory in my Redeemer; who carries me on eagle's wings  
He crowns my life with loving kindness  
His triumph song I'll ever sing  
I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who waits for me at gates of gold  
And when He calls me it will be paradise  
His face forever to behold x 3

### **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 4:1-4, 10-11, 16-22; 5:1-7; 6:1-3; 7:3-4, 12-13

Pew Bible p. 228

Large Print Bible p. 286

*Is He Safe?*

*Since we live in the presence of God's glory, we must confess our:*

*I. Manipulation of God*

*II. Creation of Idols*

*III. Need of a Savior*

## Questions to Consider

1. In what ways do you try to manipulate God? Can you give examples?
2. If our heart is an idol-making factory, how do you daily seek to destroy them?
3. How often do you confess your need for Jesus? When is it easy/hard?

## **The Lord is My Salvation**

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The grace of God has reached for me  
And pulled me from the raging sea  
And I am safe on this solid ground: The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls  
His strength will help me scale these walls  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun: The Lord is my salvation

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love  
My debt is paid and the victory won: The Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord  
He flow'rs each promise of His Word  
When winter fades, I know spring will come: The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting, times of need  
When I know loss, when I am weak  
I know His grace will renew these days: The Lord is my salvation

### *Chorus*

Glory be to God, the Father, Glory be to God, the Son  
Glory be to God, the Spirit; the Lord is my salvation (*repeat*)

## 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

Psalm 51:16-17

**Leader:** For You will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; You will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

**Prayer:** Almighty God, we confess that we do not always revere You as our one true King. Too often we try to manipulate You to do our will, or try to form our own idols, hoping to get self-satisfaction. We humbly confess that we cannot stand in Your holy presence without the intercession and atonement offered by our Savior, Jesus. Thank You God for providing a way of salvation for us. May Your Spirit guide us in daily repentance, seeking after You, our Lord and God. In Jesus' name. Amen.

[Silent Confession]

### Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:1-2

**Leader:** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

### Ministry Moment

*Connect Groups*  
Christian & Abby Babcock

## 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

Deuteronomy 16:17

**Leader:** Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that He has given you.

### 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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### Before the Throne of God Above

*Words & Music by Charitie Lees Bancroft & Vikki Cook. UBP CCLI #3038781.*

Before the throne of God above; I have a strong, and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands; my name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart (2x)

When Satan tempts me to despair; and tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there; Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died; my sinful soul is counted free  
For God, the just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me (2x)

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb; my perfect, spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I Am; the King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself I cannot die; my soul is purchased with His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ, my Savior and my God (2x)

## 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 ...

- **Sunday School:** Classes available for all ages at 9:15 am.
  - **Adults** meeting in Room 112. They will be going through the *Person of Jesus* study by Paul Miller. This is a wonderful study looking at the character and heart of our Savior and is an incredible resource for your personal walk with Him. Facilitated by a rotation of teachers.
  - **Boathouse (7-12<sup>th</sup> grade)** meeting in Room 111. They will be going through the *Person of Jesus* study by Paul Miller. Facilitated by Matt Smith.
  - **Children (infant – 6<sup>th</sup> grade)** meeting in Room 103 for a time of singing, then will separate into their age groups.
    - Infants – 4 years in Room 109, led by Mrs. Jessica Sanders & Mrs. Renae Anderson.
    - K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade in Room 104, led by Mrs. Betty Parmerter & Mrs. Rosemond Fening.
    - 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade in Room 106, led by Mrs. Anna Smith & Mrs. Jessica Holdener.
- **Worship Service at CRPC & Livestream:** At 10:30 am.
  - Each service is recorded and will be available to watch following the service on YouTube.
- **Ice Cream Truck:** Join us for our Fall Kickoff with an ice cream truck after the worship service! Get a free frozen treat - any donations will help offset the cost.

## THIS WEEK ...

- **Monday Afternoon:** Girls' Discipleship Group at 4:15 pm at Anna Smith's home
- **Tuesday Morning:** Women's Ministry Team meeting at 10:30 am
- **Wednesday Afternoon:** Session Meeting at 4 pm
- **Thursday Morning:** Ladies Bible Study at 9:45 am. See Jennifer Barton with any questions. Childcare is provided.
- **Thursday Evening:** Boathouse (7-12<sup>th</sup> grade) at 6:30 pm
- **Saturday Morning:** Men's Sunrise Bible Study at 7 am
- **Saturday Morning:** Men's Breakfast at 9 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 9:23-27; Matthew 10:34-39; Romans 1:16-17; 2 Timothy 1:8-14

**Tuesday:** Luke 9:28-45 ; John 1:14-18; Isaiah 42:1-4

**Wednesday:** Luke 9:46-62; Matthew 12:22-32; Philippians 3:12-16

**Thursday:** Luke 10:1-16; 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5; Isaiah 23

**Friday:** Luke 10:17-24; Mark 16:15-18; John 17:20-26

## ON THE HORIZON ...

- **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. RSVP with at Melissia Pletcher 863-207-1881.

- **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 ...

- **God's Provision Through August 2023:**  
 August General Fund Giving: \$21,841  
 YTD August GF Giving: \$268,843  
 YTD August Exp. Paid: \$243,706  
 YTD Budget: \$237,307  
 YTD Mercy Fund: \$5,092
- **Thank you:** *Thank you for your prayers, notes, and concerns in the recent loss of Bob's brother, Bill and his wife, Carolyn. Love, Bob & Gloria Wood*
- **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: September 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Wood Group:** Meeting at the church, Sundays at 12 pm. Start date TBA.
- **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:*

9/10 - Jessica Sanders & Briana Campos

9/17 - Lois Adair & Brenda Knappenberger

9/24 - Abby Babcock & Katelynn Wedeman

*Children's Worship Volunteers:*

9/10 - Anna Smith & Sherry Sakko

9/17 - Sheryl Bacheldor & Susie Reyes

9/24 - Ginger Andersen & Terri Jefferies

*Snacks:*

9/10 - Ice Cream Truck

9/17 - TBD

9/24 - The Boathouse & Marilyn Smith

### THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:

9/10 - Bob Luchenbill

9/12 - Tony Aviles

9/13 - Debbie McKee

9/13 - Anna Smith

9/14 - Barbara McClelland

9/14 - Brian Reyes



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