



A Series in Samuel

Cypress Ridge PCA

October 1, 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

“The glory of God’s faithfulness is that no sin of ours has ever made Him unfaithful.”

- Charles Spurgeon

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship

from Psalm 27

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Response: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy.

Response: I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Come People of the Risen King

*Authors, Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend. ©2008 Thankyou Music/Adm. By
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Come people of the Risen King; who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing; to the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth; we will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach; to gather children in

*Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come, those who tell of battles won; and those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change; and His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days; with the certain hope of peace

Chorus

Come, young and old from every land; men and women of the faith
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of His grace
Over all the world, His people sing; shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age; "Our God is all in all"!

Chorus

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

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My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away
O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

[Hymn continued on the next page]

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart
My zeal inspire
As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee
Pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread
Be Thou my guide
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away
Nor let me ever stray from Thee aside

You Alone Can Rescue

Authors, Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman. UBP CCLI #3038781.

Who, O Lord, could save themselves; their own soul could heal
Our shame was deeper than the sea; Your grace is deeper still

*You alone can rescue, You alone can save
You alone can lift us from the grave
You came down to find us, led us out of death
To You alone belongs the highest praise*

You, O Lord, have made a way; the great divide You healed
For when our hearts were far away, Your love went further still
Yes, Your love goes further still

Chorus

We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes; You're the giver of life (3x)

Chorus

Monthly Memory Verse

Proverbs 21:3

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

Prayer for Children (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 13-14

Pew Bible p. 234

Large Print Bible p. 295

Learning to Live by Faith

Since God is trustworthy, we must learn to live by faith.

I. Faith instead of fear

II. Faith instead of manipulation

III. Faith instead of doubt

Questions to Consider

1. When have you allowed your fears (circumstances) to overcome your faith? When has your faith defeated your fears?
2. How have you tried to manipulate God? How did it work?
3. What doubts do you need to hand over to God right now?

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

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 51:1-4

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Prayer: Heavenly Father, too often we allow the chaos and uncertainties of our lives fill us with fear and doubt, leading us to take control instead of keeping our faith in You. Instead of waiting on Your timing, we attempt to manipulate You to do things when we want it and how we want it. Instead of living by faith, we make rash decisions. Forgive us Lord! Instead of letting fear dictate our hearts, may we live by faith – eager to rely in our God who has proven Himself worthy of our trust, in being faithful to His people. In Jesus' name. Amen.

[Silent Confession]

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 43:25

Leader: I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

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

Proverbs 3:9

Leader: Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce.

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

Behold the Lamb

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Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us
And we remember; the promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this bread of life; and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace; around the table of the King

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you
Eat and remember; the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one
So we share in this bread of life; and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love; around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise, to respond
And to remember; our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering; we proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven; around the table of the King

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.
- **Kidz Service Club Meeting:** following the service in Room 107. KSC is for students 3-6th grade.

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

- **Barton/Holdener Group (Rodney: 407-375-2756):** Meeting at Rodney & Jennifer Barton's home, at 5 pm, meeting: 10/1.
- **Luchenbill Group (Bob: 517-398-2212):** Meeting at Bob & Barb Luchenbill's home, Sundays at 5 pm, meeting: 10/1.
- **Reyes Group (David: 863-206-8278):** Meeting at the church, Sundays at 5 pm, meeting: 10/1.
- **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/Bachelder Group (Paul: 863-206-9679):** Meeting at Charles & Shirley Burkett's home, at 6 pm, meeting: 10/11.

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.
- **Saturday Morning:** Men's Sunrise Bible Study at 7 am.

COMMUNITY BIBLE READING ...

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

Monday: Job 20 and Mark 7
Tuesday: Job 21 and Mark 8
Wednesday: Job 22 and Mark 9
Thursday: Job 23 and Mark 10
Friday: Job 24 and Mark 11
Saturday: Psalm 93

ON THE HORIZON ...

- **Kidz Night Out:** Friday, October 13th at 6 pm (infants – 6th grade).
- **2023 SWFL Presbytery Women's Conference:** Saturday, October 14th, 8:30 am – 3 pm. Registration is \$30, includes light breakfast and lunch. Open for any adult women! See Jennifer Barton if you are interested!
- **Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, October 14th at 9 am.
- **L.O.L. (Ladies out to Lunch):** Wednesday, October 18th at 12 pm, at Melissia Pletcher's home. B.Y.O. lunch.
- **Kidz Service Club Project:** Friday, October 20th from 4-5 pm.
- **Mercy Fund Collection:** Sunday, October 29th.
- **Fall Festival:** Saturday, November 4th, 4-6 pm.
- **Women's Christmas Celebration:** Monday, December 4th. Save the date. More details to come.
- **Ladies Christmas Bus Tour:** Friday, December 15th, cost \$99. Save the date, more details to come.
- **Family Camp:** Save the Date for a time of camping as a church family! March 1-3, 2024. More details to come.

FYI ...

- **Take Them a Meal:** If you would like to help David & Blossom Warren out with a meal as Blossom recovers from back surgery, you can sign up at takethemameal.com (use *warren* as last name & password).
- **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:

10/1 - Jessica Sanders & Tami Kendall

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:

10/1 - Sheryl Bacheldor & Dulce Roldan

10/8 - Anna Smith & Terri Jefferies

10/15 - Ginger Andersen & Terri Jefferies

10/22 - Philip & Jeanie Baier

10/29 - Betty Parmerter & Melissia Pletcher

Snacks:

10/1 - Matt & Anna Smith

10/8 - TBD

10/15 - TBD

10/22 - TBD

10/29 - TBD

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

10/2 - Linda Sims

10/2 - Kaleigh Fung

10/5 - Karen Brown

10/6 - Jim & Ginger Andersen

10/6 - Dulce Roldan

10/6 - Laurie Johnston



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