

# Looking for Loopholes

Mark 10:1-12

**Cypress Ridge PCA**

January 8, 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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**Scripture:** Scripture in the service is from the ESV translation, unless otherwise noted.

## 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**

*“I can safely say, on the authority of all that is revealed in the Word of God, that any man or woman on this earth who is bored and turned off by worship is not ready for heaven.”*

— A.W. Tozer

### **Prayer of Invocation**

#### **Call to Worship**

from Psalm 150

**Leader:** Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

**Response:** Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

**Leader:** Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

**Response:** Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

## **All Creatures of Our God and King**

*Text: St. Francis of Assisi; Music: Geistliche Kirchengesange, Cologne, 1623. Music & words: Karen Lafferty. David Crowder © 2003 worshiptogether.com & sixsteps music. UBP CCLI #3038781.*

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing; oh, praise Him, Alleluia  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam  
Oh, praise Him, Oh, praise Him; Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along; oh, praise Him, Alleluia  
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening find a voice  
Oh, praise Him, Oh, praise Him; Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness; oh, praise Him, Alleluia  
Praise, praise the Father praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One  
Oh, praise Him, Oh, praise Him; Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

## **Your Grace is Enough**

*Words & Music, Matt Maher. UBP CCLI #3038781.*

Great is Your faithfulness O God; You wrestle with the sinner's heart  
You lead us by still waters and to mercy; and nothing can keep us apart

*So remember Your people, remember Your children  
Remember Your promise, O God*

*Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough; Your grace is enough for me*

Great is Your love and justice God; You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation; and all Your people sing along

*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

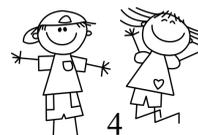
### **Monthly Memory Verse**

Romans 12:1

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

### **Prayer for Children**

[Children's Worship is available for children 4 years to 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

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**Sermon**

Pastor Rodney Barton

*Looking for Loopholes*

*Mark 10:1-12*

Pew Bible p. 845

Large Print Bible p. 1056

*As followers of Christ, instead of looking for the loopholes, understand:*

*I. God's Provision*

*II. God's Plan*

*III. God's Purpose*

## **Questions to Consider**

1. How does our culture view marriage? Does this passage change your view on marriage? If so, how?
2. How does seeing God as the creator of marriage affect your view of marriage?
3. How is God using your marriage (or relationships) to show your sin? What is your response to seeing your sin?

## **Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer**

*Words: Margaret Becker. Music: Keith Getty. Words © Modern M Music, c/o The Select Artist Group. Music © 2001 Thankyou Music/Adm. by worshiptogether.com. UBP CCLI #3038781.*

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.*

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### Confession of Sin

Psalm 79:8-9

**Leader:** Do not remember against us our former iniquities; let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake!

### Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we come to You confessing that the relationship we have with You and with those around us are flawed. We do not always trust You as our perfect Creator God, living in the ways You command. Too often we choose selfishness and laziness over showing love towards those around us, hurting the ones we love. Forgive us Lord. Help us to love each other as Christ has loved us. In His name. Amen.

[Silent Confession]

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***Mission of the Month:*** The Mission, see page 14.

***Battling Cancer:*** Susie Fuday

***Health Issues:*** Bob Wood, Lillian Steverson-Kelder, Dolca Rios, Steve Dortman, Rick & Rosie DeCoito, Pat Moss, Brenda Donnell

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## 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

Psalm 50:14-15

**Leader:** “Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

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### How Deep the Father’s Love for Us

*Words and Music, Stuart Townend. UBP CCLI #3038781.*

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son, to make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One, bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there, until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ; His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward, I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom

## 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**

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, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, 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:** At 9:15 am, classes available for all ages.
- **Worship Service at CRPC & Livestream:** At 10:30 am.
  - Each service is recorded and will be available to watch following the service on YouTube.
- **Bridal Shower for Anna Bacheldor:** Following the worship service. All ladies are welcome, a luncheon is provided.
- **Connect Group:** Contact a leader to learn more about their upcoming January meetings!
  - Bob Wood (419-969-4056)
  - David Reyes (863-206-8278)
  - Leopold Jean-Bart (863-521-3136)
  - Rodney Barton (407-375-2756: January 15<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm, at the Barton home.
  - Tom Luchenbill (863-632-3241): January 15<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm, at the Luchenbill home.

### THIS WEEK ...

- **Monday Afternoon:** Girl's D-Group (7-12<sup>th</sup> grade) at 4:15 pm.
- **Tuesday Morning:** Women's Ministry Team meeting at 10 am.
- **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?*

### **Bible Reading & Cross Reference(s)**

**Monday:** Esther 6:1-14

**Tuesday:** Esther 7:1-10; Psalm 7:14-17; Proverbs 11:5-6

**Wednesday:** Esther 8:1-17

**Thursday:** Esther 9:1-19

**Friday:** Esther 9:20-32; 10:1-3

## FYI ...

- **God's Provision Through December 2022:**  
December General Fund Giving: \$40,949  
YTD December GF Giving: \$350,632  
YTD December Exp. Paid: \$393,890  
YTD Budget: \$388,000  
YTD Mercy Fund: \$7,963
- **Thank You:** "Thank you CRPC Family for all of your prayers and concerns for me! I am slowly recuperating and worshipping from home, though I look forward to my future return. Sending love, Marilyn Smith."
- **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.
- **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 JANUARY 2023

*Deacon of the Month:* Charles Burkett

*Usher:* Larry Vander Zee

*Communion Preparation:* Dennis & Brenda Knappenberger

*Nursery Volunteers:*

1/8 - Briana Campos & Abby Babcock

1/15 - Betty Parmerter & Amber May

1/22 - Brenda Knappenberger & Ginny Vander Zee

1/29 - Jessica Sanders & Kay Smith

*Children's Worship Volunteers:*

1/8 - Anna Bacheldor & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

1/15 - Philip & Jeanie Baier

1/22 - Ginger Andersen & Renae Anderson

1/29 - TBD

### THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1/9 - Jerrod & Amber May

1/13 - Akosua Fening



# MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

## The Mission of Winter Haven

*“The Mission of Winter Haven exists to provide an immediate response of food, support services and a day center for homeless individuals and all in need; by way of Faith, Community and Help.”*

*Their services include, but are not limited to:*

- *Food Pantry*
- *Soup Kitchen*
- *Budgeting Classes*

*Learn more about The Mission at: <https://themissionwh.org>*



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