



# A Series in Samuel

**Cypress Ridge PCA**

September 17, 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**

*If you had a thousand crowns you should put them all  
on the head of Christ! And if you had a thousand tongues  
they should all sing His praise, for He is worthy!*

*- William Tiptaft*

### **Prayer of Invocation**

#### **Call to Worship**

from Psalm 8 & 9

**Leader:** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

**Response:** I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds.

**Leader:** I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place.

**Response:** I will be glad and exult in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

## **Crown Him with Many Crowns**

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Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne  
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee  
And hail Him as thy matchless King thru all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of life: who triumphed o'er the grave  
Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save  
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high  
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n: one with the Father known  
One with the Spirit thru Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne  
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died  
Be Thou, O Lord, thru endless days adored and magnified

## **O Worship the King**

*By Robert Grant, 1815. Adapted by Chris Tomlin, 2004. UBP CCLI #3038781.*

O worship the King, all glorious above  
O gratefully sing, His wonderful love  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace  
Whose robe is the light, and canopy space  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

*You alone are the matchless King; to You alone be all majesty  
Your glories and wonders, what tongue can recite  
You breathe in the air, You shine in the light*

*[Hymn continued on the next page]*

O measureless might, ineffable love  
While angels delight, to worship above  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend

*You alone are the matchless King; to You alone be all majesty  
Your glories and wonders, what tongue can recite  
You breathe in the air, You shine in the light*

### **By Faith**

*Authors, Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend. UBP CCLI #3038781.*

By faith we see the hand of God; in the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the power of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand; a place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day; when the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the power to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith this mountain shall be moved  
And the power of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible; for all who call upon His name

*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.*



# 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 8

Pew Bible p. 230

Large Print Bible p. 290

*Submitting to Our King*

*Because God is our King, we are to submit to Him.*

*I. Submit to His rule*

*II. Submit to His call*

*III. Submit to His counsel*

## Questions to Consider

1. What are some of the subtle ways you reject God as your king today? What are some of the substitutes we put in place of God?
2. Why do we want to be like our culture? How are we to be different and what does that look like?
3. How can our plans be completely reasonable, clearly logical, obviously plausible and utterly godless? Why is it important to seek godly counsel?

## **Hallelujah to My King**

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O how strong the power of Jesus' name  
It is stronger than any other name  
How sweet the victory that bore my shame  
Took the burden of my sin away

*Hallelujah, what a Savior, I owe everything to Him  
Hallelujah, what a Savior, Hallelujah to my King*

O how great the kindness our God has shown  
We were strangers, now we're called His own  
His grace has welcomed the sinner home  
Tender mercies lead us to the throne

*Chorus*

O what peace the Spirit of Jesus brings  
Through the trials, He will carry me  
One day in Heaven, our eyes will meet  
Filled with wonder, all the saints will sing

*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 139:23-24

**Leader:** Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, we bow to You, our one true King. We humbly acknowledge that You are in control and are trustworthy in every way. Forgive us when we reject Your authority and do things from the wrong motivations. Melt our stubborn hearts so that we desire to submit to You. May Your Spirit guide us to seek Your counsel daily so that we will live lives that are pleasing to You and will bring You glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

[Silent Confession]

### Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:10-12

**Leader:** He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.



## 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 96:8

**Leader:** Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!

### Congregational Prayer

**Missionaries of the Month:** Roger & Shirley Brown, AIM

**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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### Beautiful Savior

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All my days I will sing this song of gladness  
Give my praise to the fountain of delights  
For in my helplessness, You heard my cry  
And waves of mercy poured down on my life

*Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor  
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history; You're the way, the truth, the life  
Star of the morning, glorious in holiness  
You're the risen One, heaven's Champion; and You reign, You reign over all*

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer  
I will sing of the blood that never fails  
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed  
Of death defeated and life without end

### *Chorus*

I long to be where the praise is never ending  
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades  
Where countless worshipers will share one song  
And cries of "Worthy" will honor the Lamb

## 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.
- **Baby Shower:** Ladies, you are invited to a baby shower, following the service, honoring Anna Smith, celebrating the upcoming birth of Matt & Anna's baby girl. A light lunch will be provided.

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

- **Barton/Holdener Group (Rodney: 407-375-2756):** Meeting at Tim & Jessica Holdener's home, Sundays at 5 pm, starting 9/17.
- **Johnson/Smith Group (Brad: 863-877-8589):** Meeting at Matt & Anna Smith's home, Sundays at 5 pm, starting 9/17.
- **Luchenbill Group (Bob: 517-398-2212):** Meeting at Bob & Barb Luchenbill's home, Sundays at 5 pm, starting 9/17.
- **Pletcher/Bacheldor Group (Paul: 863-206-9679):** Meeting at Sheryl Bacheldor's home, Sundays at 12:30 pm, starting 9/24.
- **Reyes Group (David: 863-206-8278):** Meeting at the church, Sundays at 5 pm, starting 9/17.
- **Wood Group (Bob:419-969-4056):** Meeting at the church, Sundays at 12:15 pm, starting October 8<sup>th</sup>.

## THIS WEEK ...

- **Monday Afternoon:** Girls' Discipleship Group at 4:15 pm at Anna Smith's home
- **Wednesday Afternoon:** L.O.L. (Ladies out to Lunch) at 12 pm, at Golden Corral. RSVP with at Melissa Pletcher 863-207-1881.
- **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

## COMMUNITY BIBLE READING ...

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

**Monday:** Job 10 and Revelation 19  
**Tuesday:** Job 11 and Revelation 20  
**Wednesday:** Job 12 and Revelation 21  
**Thursday:** Job 13 and Revelation 22  
**Friday:** Job 14 and Mark 1  
**Saturday:** Psalm 91

## ON THE HORIZON ...

- **Congregational Meeting:** The session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 24, 2023, following the morning worship service, for the purpose of the Pastoral Search Committee to make a recommendation seeking the congregation's approval.
- **Kidz Service Club Meeting:** Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, following the worship service. KSC is for students 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- **2023 SWFL Presbytery Women's Conference:** Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am – 3 pm. Registration is \$30, includes light breakfast and lunch. Open for any adult women! The conference is centered around John 14-16, with guest speaker, Abby Hutto. Register via the flyer at the Welcome Center.
- **Kidz Service Club Project:** Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – time TBA.
- **Fall Festival:** Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 4-6 pm.
- **Family Camp:** Save the Date for a time of camping as a church family! March 1-3, 2024. More details to come.

## FYI ...

- **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 SEPTEMBER 2023

*Deacon of the Month:* Paul Pletcher

*Ushers:* Art Gilkey & Phil Baier

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

*Nursery Volunteers:*

9/17 - Brenda Knappenberger & Shirley Burkett

9/24 - Abby Babcock & Katelynn Wedeman

*Children's Worship Volunteers:*

9/17 - Betty Parmerter & Susie Reyes

9/24 - Ginger Andersen & Terri Jefferies

*Snacks:*

9/17 - Mizza Del Valle

9/24 - The Boathouse & Marilyn Smith

### THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:

9/17 - Lynne Knisley

9/19 - Violene Genisse



9/20 - Terry Schmucker

9/23 - Robert McClelland

### SERVING IN OCTOBER 2023

*Usher of the Month:* Terry Schmucker

*Ushers:* Brad Johnson & TBD

*Communion Preparation:* Leopold & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

*Nursery Volunteers:*

10/1 - Jessica Sanders & Tami Kendall

10/8 - Kay Smith & Katelynn Wedeman

10/15 - TBD & Kaleigh Fung

10/22 - Dave Holdener & Katelynn Wedeman

10/29 - Briana Campos & Matt Sanders

*Children's Worship Volunteers:*

10/1 - Sheryl Bacheldor & Melissia Pletcher

10/8 - Anna Smith & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

10/15 - Ginger Andersen & Terri Jefferies

10/22 - Philip & Jeanie Baier

10/29 - Betty Parmerter & Dulce Roldan

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