

A Series in Samuel

Cypress Ridge PCA

January 7, 2024

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

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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

“How wonderful to know that Christianity is more than a padded pew or a dim cathedral, but that it is a real, living, daily experience which goes on from grace to grace.”

– Jim Elliot

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

Response: Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

Response: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

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

*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*

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

Chorus

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

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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

*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*

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

Monthly Memory Verse

Psalm 51:10-11

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.



Prayer for Children

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

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

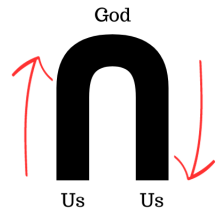
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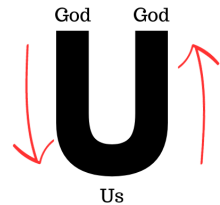
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We have gratitude for God's:

I. Amazing Grace



II. Active Grace

III. Unstoppable Grace

Questions to Consider

1. How do you react when God changes your plans? Reflect on how you have seen God's grace at work in your life (job, family, relationships)? How does His grace towards you move you to gratitude?
2. How do you see God's care in your life daily? What does it mean to be redeemed and what are the promises that belong to you?
3. Have you ever prayed through Scripture? Read Philippians 4:6-8, Psalm 89:1-8, & Romans 8:37-39 and practice praying these truths back to God.

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)

*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
To You alone belongs the highest praise*

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 32:3-5

Leader: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, forgive us where we take Your grace for granted and even abuse the grace You have given us. We confess that too often we try to earn Your favor instead of resting in the grace You have given us through Jesus. Help us to rest in Your grace as we trust in Christ. Use us as Your instruments to bring You glory where we live, work, and play as You build Your Kingdom. And as we live each day by Your grace, may our hearts and actions reflect the gratitude we have for Your gift of salvation. In Jesus' name we pray. 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

Psalm 96:8

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

Congregational Prayer

Mission of the Month: *The Mission of Winter Haven*

Battling Cancer: Susie Fuday and Sue Gilkey

Health Issues: Blossom Warren, Rick & Rosie DeCoito, Briana Campos

Homebound: 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: Regular bread will be offered unless gluten-free bread is requested.

Cup: Grape juice will be offered unless wine is requested.

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

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

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.

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

- **Luchenbill Group (Bob: 517-398-2212):** Meeting at Bob & Barb Luchenbill's home, Sundays at 5 pm, meeting: 01/07.
- **Reyes Group (David: 863-206-8278):** Meeting at Cypress Ridge, Sundays at 5 pm, meeting: 01/07.
- **Pletcher/Bachelder Group (Paul: 863-206-9679):** Meeting at Paul & Melissa Pletcher's home, Wednesday at 6 pm, meeting: 01/10.
- **Barton/Holdener Group (Rodney: 407-375-2756):** Meeting at Rodney & Jennifer's home, Sundays at 5 pm, meeting: 01/14.
- **Johnson/Smith Group (Brad: 863-877-8589):** Meeting at Matt & Anna Smith's home, Sundays at 5 pm, meeting: 01/14.
- **Wood Group (Bob: 419-969-4056):** Meeting at the church, Sundays at 12:15 pm, meeting: 01/14.

THIS WEEK ...

- **Thursday Evening:** Boathouse (7-12th grade) at 6:30 pm.
- **Friday Evening:** Kidz Night Out (4 yrs.-6th grade) at 6 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: Song of Solomon 6 and Luke 6

Tuesday: Song of Solomon 7 and Luke 7

Wednesday: Song of Solomon 8 and Luke 8

Thursday: Isaiah 1 and Luke 9

Friday: Isaiah 2 and Luke 10

Saturday: Psalm 106

ON THE HORIZON ...

- **Missionary Visit:** Roger & Shirley Brown will be visiting us Sunday, January 28th. They have been faithfully serving as missionaries for 3 + decades through African Inland Mission and are retiring in April 2024. You can hear about their journey during the 9:15 am Sunday School hour and during the worship service.
- **Family Camp:** March 1st-3rd at Highlands Hammock in Sebring. *Family- Fellowship- Friends- Fun- Food- Fire*. Look out for sign-up sheet! See Tim Holdener or Rodney Barton for more details.

FYI ...

- **Congratulations:** Silas Andres Campos was born to David & Briana Campos on Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 7:35 am measuring at 8 lbs. 7oz.
 - If you would like to sign up to bring them a meal, please go to takethemameal.com (last name & password: Campos).
- **New Nursery Staff:** We would like to make a warm welcome to our new nursery staff employee, Stephanie Bates. Stephanie is a long-time friend of CRPC and we are so glad she can rejoin us and help in our nursery! Please be sure to welcome her and any of her children that may join her.
- **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 January 2023

Deacon of the Month: Charles Burkett

Ushers: Larry Vander Zee & Ken Harrison

Communion Preparation: Allen & Monica Franklin

Nursery:

01/07 – Stephanie Bates & Katelynn Wedeman

01/14 – Stephanie Bates & Ginny Vander Zee

01/21 – Stephanie Bates & John Wedeman

01/28 – Stephanie Bates & Katelynn Wedeman

Children's Worship:

01/07 – Sheryl Bachelder & Melissa Pletcher

01/14 – Anna Smith & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

01/21 – Ginger Anderson & Terri Jefferies

01/28 – Philip & Jeanie Baier

Snacks:

01/07 – Leopold & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

01/14 – Linda & Shirley

01/21 – Lanzillotti Family

01/28 – TBD

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:

01/07 – Don Snow

01/09 – Jerrod & Amber May

01/13 – Akosua Fening



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