



1 & 2 Samuel

THE HOPE OF A BETTER KING

PRELIMINARIES: WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WE GIVE GLORY TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP: "PSALM 95:1-2"

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

HYMN OF ACCLAMATION: "HERE FOR YOU"

Let our praise be Your welcome, let our songs be a sign
We are here for You, we are here for You
Let Your breath come from heaven, fill our hearts with Your life
We are here for You, we are here for You

Chorus

To You our hearts are open, nothing here is hidden
You are our one desire
You alone are holy, only You are worthy
God let Your fire fall down

Let our shout be Your anthem, Your renown fill the sky
We are here for You, we are here for You
Let Your Word move in power, let what's dead come to life
We are here for You, we are here for You - **Chorus**

We welcome You with praise, we welcome You with praise
Oh mighty God of love, be welcomed in this place
Let ev'ry heart adore, let ev'ry soul awake
Oh mighty God of love, be welcomed in this place

WE MOURN THE REALITY OF SIN

HYMN OF CONFESSION: "THY MERCY MY GOD"

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Has won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep for the praise of the mercy Ive found.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Your mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Father, we come before You not trusting in our own goodness, but in Your abundant mercy. We have sinned against You. We have loved ourselves more than others, treasured the gifts of this world more than You, and too often sought our own glory instead of Yours.

Our best efforts cannot erase our guilt or make us righteous before You. Yet You are rich in mercy, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Thank You that Your mercy is greater than our sin and that through Jesus we have forgiveness. By Your Holy Spirit, Turn our hearts from sin and toward Christ. Teach us to delight in Your grace, to walk in grateful obedience, and to live each day as those who have been redeemed by Your precious blood. We ask all of this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

WE CELEBRATE CHRIST AS OUR REDEEMER

HYMN OF REDEMPTION: "YOU'VE ALREADY WON"

There's peace that outlasts darkness, hope that's in the blood
There's future grace that's mine today that Jesus Christ has won

So I can face tomorrow, for tomorrow's in Your hands
All I need you will provide, just like you always have

Chorus

I'm fighting a battle that you've already won
No matter what comes my way, I will overcome
I don't know what you're doing, but I know what you've done
I'm fighting a battle You've already won

There's mercy in the waiting, manna for today
And when it's gone I know you're not, You are my hope and stay

When the sea is raging, Your Spirit is my help

He'll fix my eyes on Jesus Christ and I'll say that it is well
Oh I know that it is well - **Chorus**

I know how the story ends, we will be with you again
You're my Savior my defense, no More fear in life or death - 2x

I know how this story ends, we will be with You again
You're my Savior my defense, no More fear in life or death
I know how this story ends - **Chorus**

5-MINUTE BREAK

In addition to taking children to Ridge Kids and using the restroom, take time to meet/greet one another. "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

SCRIPTURE READING: "ACTS 17:16-34"

16 Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. **17** So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. **18** Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. **19** And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" **20** For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean."

21 Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. **22** So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. **23** For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. **24** The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, **25** nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. **26** And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, **27** that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, **28** for " 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, " 'For we are indeed his offspring.'

29 Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. **30** The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, **31** because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." **32** Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some

mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.” ³³ So Paul went out from their midst. ³⁴ But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

SERMON: “PROCLAIMING THE UNKNOWN GOD”

BRYAN THOMAS - ACTS 17:16-34

- Acts 17 16-21: Take your Comfort in God
- Acts 17 22-32: Have Confidence in your Faith
- Acts 17 32-34: Have Clarity of Mission

WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

HYMN OF RESPONSE: "TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS"

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His word
Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know thus saith the Lord

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking, Life and rest and joy and peace

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him, How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus, Oh for grace to trust Him more

Oh how sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to trust His cleansing blood
And in simple faith to plunge me, Neath the healing, cleansing floodA

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him, How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus, Oh for grace to trust Him more
Oh, for grace to trust Him more

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend
And I know that Thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end

HYMN OF NEW CREATION: "REASON I SING"

You pulled me from darkness, and clothed me in garments of praise
Jesus, forever, my song will be You

I'm living in freedom, You've taken my burdens away
Jesus, forever, my song will be You, only for You

Chorus

For the cross that You bore and the debt that You paid
For the victory You won over death and the grave - This is the reason I sing
For the hope that You give and the joy that You bring
For the promise that Heaven is waiting for me - This is the reason I sing

I will not be silent, I'll testify of Your grace
Jesus, forever, my song will be You, only for You

So good, so good, You're so good to me
Forever I'll sing, You're so good to me - **Chorus**

WAYS TO GIVE

- **Cash:** place cash securely into one of the offering boxes at the back of the room. If you would like a record of your contribution, please be sure to place the cash into one of our offering envelopes and fill out the appropriate contact information.
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UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

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July 12 - Second Sundays: Transformation Groups

August 9 - Second Sundays: Transformation Groups

September 9 - Generations of Grace

Second Sundays: Transformation Groups

On ***Second Sundays*** this Summer, we invite you to stay for lunch after worship and participate in orientations for The Seeing Jesus Together Journal, which we utilize in our church's Transformation Groups. In addition to being trained on the applications of the Seeing Jesus Together Journal for both group life and for personal devotional rhythms, you'll get the opportunity to fellowship with fellow members and attenders of Autumn Ridge Community Church.

Transformation Groups will launch in August/September. We ask that anyone who wishes to participate in a Transformation Group participate in one of these Second Sundays: July 12, or August 9. Register with the QR code below.

