



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 96:1-3"

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! 2 Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. 3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

HYMN OF ACCLAMATION: "ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING"

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing, O praise him, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one.
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

WE MOURN THE REALITY OF SIN

HYMN OF CONFESSION: "HE WILL HOLD ME FAST"

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold, Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast

Chorus

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost, His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast - **Chorus**

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last - **Chorus**

PASTORAL PRAYER - "GOSPEL NEED AND GOSPEL HOPE IN ALBANIA"

Father God – thank you for the opportunity to come to you in prayer.
Thank you that you hear our prayers and that you work in response to
the prayers of your people.

Thank you for your servants, the Collaku family. We pray for Pellumb,
Eli, Joni, and Estela. We pray that you would make their labors fruitful
and that, through them, you would call many Albanians to follow Christ.

Thank you also that you saw fit to connect two of our church members –
Scott and Jeannie Miller – with the Collaku family. Thank you that other
members and attenders of Autumn Ridge Community Church have
found opportunities to partner with the Collaku family, and we ask that
you would stir the hearts of others to join in that work as well.

We pray for Albania. Call Albanians away from the cares of this world to
consider the important matters of the soul. Please introduce many people

to Jesus, and lead many of them to follow Him. Please strengthen Albanian churches – protect them from decline, from division, from burnout, and from mission drift. Please multiply them and awaken the nation with revival!

Jesus – in the power of your Holy Spirit – we ask these things in YOUR NAME! Amen.

WE CELEBRATE CHRIST AS OUR REDEEMER

HYMN OF REDEMPTION: “ONLY A HOLY GOD”

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles - Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice - Only a Holy God

Chorus

Come and behold Him, The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy, Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated - Only a Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father - Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God

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: “1 SAMUEL 16”

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” **2** And Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’” **3** And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you.” **4** Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” **5** And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

6 When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord's anointed is before him.” **7** But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” **8** Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” **9** Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” **10** And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen these.” **11** Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.” **12** And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, “Arise, anoint him, for this is he.” **13** Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the

Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

14 Now the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and a harmful spirit from the Lord tormented him. **15** And Saul's servants said to him, "Behold now, a harmful spirit from God is tormenting you. **16** Let our lord now command your servants who are before you to seek out a man who is skillful in playing the lyre, and when the harmful spirit from God is upon you, he will play it, and you will be well." **17** So Saul said to his servants, "Provide for me a man who can play well and bring him to me." **18** One of the young men answered, "Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a man of good presence, and the Lord is with him." **19** Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, "Send me David your son, who is with the sheep." **20** And Jesse took a donkey laden with bread and a skin of wine and a young goat and sent them by David his son to Saul. **21** And David came to Saul and entered his service. And Saul loved him greatly, and he became his armor-bearer. **22** And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Let David remain in my service, for he has found favor in my sight." **23** And whenever the harmful spirit from God was upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand. So Saul was refreshed and was well, and the harmful spirit departed from him.

SERMON: "SAUL, DAVID, AND THE SPIRIT OF GOD"

DAVIS LACEY - 1 SAMUEL 16 (PGS. 78-84 OF THE ILLUMINATED SCRIPTURE JOURNALS)

Main Point: The People of God receive the Spirit of God to proclaim the Word of God!

- Who are the People of God? (vv. 1-13)
- Who is the Spirit of God? (vv. 14-23)
 - The One who gives PROTECTION
 - The One who gives POWER
- How can we think about proclaiming the Word of God?

1 Samuel 13:14: *"The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you."*

Galatians 3:10-14: ¹⁰ For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” ¹¹ Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” ¹² But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— ¹⁴ so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Ephesians 1:13-14: “¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.”

In **2 Samuel 23:1**, David is called the “Sweet Psalmist of Israel.”

Questions for Personal Reflection:

- With what abilities has God gifted you?
- How do those abilities give you opportunities to A) connect with people, and/or B) serve the needs of other people?
- What would it look like for you to walk by the Spirit – to use your natural abilities as a platform through which to proclaim the Word of God?

WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

HYMN OF RESPONSE: "HIS MERCY IS MORE"

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more!

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more - **Chorus**

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more - **Chorus**

HYMN OF NEW CREATION: "YET NOT I, BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME"

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

WAYS TO GIVE

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- **Check:** place checks securely into one of the offering boxes at the back of the room. Alternatively, you may mail a check to Autumn Ridge Community Church, 208 Victory Cir. Ste. 300, Ellijay, GA 30540. End of year giving statements will be issued based on the contact information provided by the check.
- **Online Giving:** facilitates offerings made by bank account, credit/debit card, and stock. Simply scan the "GIVING" QR code below, or click the "GIVE" tab at the top of our church's website (autumnridgecommunitychurch.com).
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Sunday Mornings (8:45a)

Scott and Jeannie Miller (jeanniem165@gmail.com | 678.320.8310)

Doug and Leigh Colburn (770.364.5325) and Janice and Randy Durden (706.273.9147)

Bryan and Shannon Thomas (StPatrick1330@yahoo.com | Bryan: 808-342-4288 | Shannon: 808-342-4287)

Sunday Afternoons (1-2:30p at the Kiscunas')

Pete & Maria Kiscunas (Pete: 678-480-6096 | mkiscunas5@gmail.com - Maria: 678-524-0424) and Pete Westrick (731-607-6962 | pjw629@icloud.com)

Wednesday Evenings (5:30p)

Damon and Samantha Gabriel (404-408-0673 | samantha@artfulellijay.com)

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UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Grab a Missions Memo to keep up with other dates/opportunities to be involved

June 7 - Members Business Meeting

Members' Business Meeting on June 7th:

we ask for all covenant members of Autumn Ridge Community Church to attend a brief members' business meeting immediately after worship on Sunday, June 7th. If you have questions, comments, or agenda line items to consider, please contact Davis Lacey (davis@autumnridgecommunitychurch.com).