



1 & 2 Samuel



THE HOPE OF A BETTER KING



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PRELIMINARIES: WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WE GIVE GLORY TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 97 & REVELATION 19

Leader (Psalm 97:1-5): **1** The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! **2** Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. **3** Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries all around. **4** His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. **5** The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.

Congregation (Revelation 19:6-8): **6** "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. **7** Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; **8** it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure."

SONG OF ACCLAMATION: HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

Verse 1

The splendor of the King,
Clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice,
All the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light,
And darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice,
And trembles at His voice.

Chorus

How great is our God!
Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great,
How great is our God!

Verse 2

Age to age He stands,
And time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End,
Beginning and the End.

Verse 2

The Godhead three in One:
Father, Spirit, and Son;
The Lion and the Lamb,
The Lion and the Lamb.

Chorus

Bridge (x2)

Name above all names!
Worthy of all praise!
My heart will sing:
How great is our God!

Chorus (x2)

How great is our God!
Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great,
How great is our God!

WE MOURN THE REALITY OF OUR SIN

SONG OF CONFESSION: BE MERCIFUL TO ME, O GOD (PSALM 51:1-8)

To the tune of New Britian (Amazing Grace)

Verse 1

Be merciful to me, O God,
According to Your love.
With water blot out all my sins
And cleanse me from above.

Verse 2

For I must daily face my sins;
They lie before Your sight,
So You are blameless when You judge.
Your words are true and right.

Verse 3

In sin my mother gave me life;
In darkness I was made.
My hidden parts You will teach truth,
With wisdom them persuade.

Verse 4

With hyssop purge me, launder me;
I will be white as snow.
With joy and gladness, comfort me;
The bones You break shall grow.

READING OF THE LAW: MATTHEW 22 & GALATIANS 3

Leader: Hear the Law of God:

37 "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. **38** This is the great and first commandment. **39** And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. **40** On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."
(Matthew 22:37-39)

And again: **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." **(Galatians 3:10)**

CORPORATE REFLECTION & CONFESSION

Please engage reflectively and prayerfully. You are welcome to stand, sit, bow, or kneel.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: O Lord, you have given us your law and we have broken it continually.

Congregation: We have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind.

Leader: Lord, your law reveals to us that our sinful actions warrant cursing and justice from you.

Congregation: We have failed to abide by all things written in your law.

Leader: Have mercy on us sinners, O Lord. Count not our transgressions against us, but pardon our iniquities.

Congregation: Here we fall at your mercy, O God. Render not unto us that which we deserve, but that which you have promised to give. Cleanse us by thy saving power, O God of mercy.

Leader: O make us thine forever, Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: ISAIAH 53:5-6

Leader: Hear now the comfort of the Gospel: **5** He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and by his wounds we are healed.

Congregation: **6** All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Leader: Therefore, as a minister of the Gospel, I can remind you that your sins are forgiven in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

WE CELEBRATE CHRIST AS OUR REDEEMER

SONG OF REDEMPTION: JESUS PAID IT ALL

Verse 1

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."

Refrain

Jesus paid it all;
All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain;
He washed it white as snow.

Verse 2

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone.

Refrain

Jesus paid it all;
All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain;
He washed it white as snow.

Verse 3

For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

Refrain

Jesus paid it all;
All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain;
He washed it white as snow.

Verse 4

And when, before the throne,
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat.

Refrain

Jesus paid it all;
All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain;
He washed it white as snow.

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)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 SAMUEL 12:1-15A

12 And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. 2 The rich man had very many flocks and herds, 3 but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. 4 Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him." 5 Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, 6 and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

7 Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. 8 And I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. 9 Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. 10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' 11 Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. 12 For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.' " 13 David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. 14 Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child who is born to you shall die." 15 Then Nathan went to his house.

SERMON: “DAVID AND BATHSHEBA”

DAVIS LACEY - 2 SAMUEL 11-12 (PGS. 202-212 IN THE ILLUMINATED SCRIPTURE JOURNALS)

Will we be led by sin, or will we be led by the Friend of Sinners?

The Growth Curve of Sin (2 Samuel 11)

- “The first step in doing what God forbids is often neglecting what God has ordained.”
- Cross-reference: Leviticus 15:19-30
- Linear Growth vs. Exponential Growth
- Sin has an exponential growth curve...

The Consequences of Sin (2 Samuel 12:1-23)

Grace for Sin (2 Samuel 12:13-14 and 24-31)

- When David covered-up his sin, he fell deeper into slavery to sin
- When David un-covered his sin in repentance, the Lord put his sin away from him
- Cross-reference: Romans 8:1
- God’s salvation restored David – and restores us – as instruments in the Redeemer’s hands.

WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

During this time, we encourage you to respond to the Gospel in various ways. There will be a lady and a gentleman in the back of the room to pray with you, there will be an offering box also in the back of the room for any financial offerings or to give us your connection card, and there will be four stations in the sanctuary to partake of the Lord's Supper. If you are a baptized Christian who is following Christ the Lord and are not seeking to tear apart other Christians or other Christian churches, please approach the table most convenient for you, receive the elements, and return to your seats where you can take the supper when you are ready.

SONG OF RESPONSE: HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

Verse 1

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.

Verse 2

Behold the Man upon the 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.

Verse 3

I will not boast in anything:
No gifts, no pow'r, 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.

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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.

Yes this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.



WE ARE SENT BACK INTO THE WORLD

SONG OF NEW CREATION: COMMISSION DOXOLOGY

To the tune of Old 100th (Doxology)

Verse 1 (1 Timothy 1:17)

Now to the King of ages be
All honor, power, majesty,
Immortal, unseen, only wise;
All glory through eternal skies.

Verse 2 (I Bind Unto Myself Today)

I bind unto myself today
The strong name of the Trinity,
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One and One In Three.

BENEDICTION AND COMMISSIONING

Having been reminded of the future grace which is ours in Jesus Christ the Lord,
may you now be refreshed by the grace which is yours already:

You are loved by God the Father – there is no one left to please.
You are saved by God the Son – there is nothing left to prove.
You are comforted by God the Spirit – there is nothing left to fear.

Autumn Ridge Family, you are sent into the world to make disciples of all
nations. Go, therefore: in the love of God the Father, in the resurrection of God
the Son, and in the comfort of the God the Spirit; now and forevermore. **Amen.**

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.
 - **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
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GIVING



CONNECT

MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES (AUGUST – DECEMBER, 2026)

Sunday Mornings (8:45 AM, upstairs at Victory Christian Center)

Scott and Jeannie Miller/Preston and Laney Porter
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Bryan and Shannon Thomas (StPatrick1330@yahoo.com)

Wednesday Evenings (5:30p, upstairs at Victory Christian Center)

Davis and Charis Lacey (davis@autumnridgecommunitychurch.com or
charislacey@gmail.com)

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If you are new or visiting with us, make sure to fill out a connection card.

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UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

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

- **September 20** - Members Business Meeting
- **September 25** - Barn Dance
- **October 23** - Men and Boy's Campout