



PRELIMINARIES: WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WE GIVE GLORY TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP: "1 JOHN 3:1"

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

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: "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**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lord God, please help me to know and experience the fact that you are my heavenly Father and I am your beloved child.

I want that to sink into the deepest recesses of my heart, but so much in this world and my sinful nature prevent me from truly believing it.

Would you overcome those obstacles and help me to grasp the beauty and goodness of being adopted into your family? And may I live out that adoption with gratitude to the point that my life blesses others and shares the good news of your great mercy and grace. In Jesus name, amen.

WE CELEBRATE CHRIST AS OUR REDEEMER

HYMN OF REDEMPTION: "ALL HAIL KING JESUS"

There was a moment when the lights went out
when death had claimed its victory
The King of Love had given up His life, the darkest day in history

There on a cross they made for sinners, for every curse His blood atoned
One final breath and it was finished, but not the end we could have
known

For the earth began to shake and the veil was torn
What sacrifice was made as the heavens roared

Chorus

All hail King Jesus, all hail the Lord of Heaven and earth
All hail King Jesus, all hail the Savior of the world

There was a moment when the sky lit up, a flash of light breaking
through
When all was lost He crossed eternity, the King of life was on the move

For in a dark, cold tomb where our Lord was laid
One miraculous breath and we're forever changed - **Chorus 2x**

Let every knee, come bow before the King of Kings
Let every tongue, confess that He is Lord
Lift up your shout, let us join with all of Heaven singing
Holy, singin' Holy
Cry out Holy, singin' Holy - **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: "MATTHEW 5:5"

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

SERMON: "STRENGTH UNDER CONTROL"

BRANDON KNOX - MATTHEW 5:5

Main Point: Today's sermon will show from Scripture that meekness plays a vital role in our lives, especially in suffering and perseverance. Meekness seeks to model Christ's strength under control, entrusting our lives to serve faithfully and placing our hope eternally.

Point 1: Meekness seeks to model Christ's strength under control, entrusting our lives

Point 2: Meekness seeks to model Christ's strength under control, serving faithfully, and placing our hope eternally

WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

HYMN OF RESPONSE: "JESUS THANK YOU"

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend,
The agonies of Calvary.
You, the Perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son,
Drank the bitter cup reserved for me.

Chorus

Your blood has washed away my sin, Jesus, thank You.
The Father's wrath completely satisfied, Jesus, thank You.
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table, Jesus, thank You.

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near,
Your enemy you've made Your friend.
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace,
Your mercy and your kindness know no end. - **Chorus**

Lover of my soul – I want to live for you (REPEAT) - **Chorus**

HYMN OF NEW CREATION: "IN CHRIST ALONE"

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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).
- **Stock:** arrangements for donation of stock can also be made by contacting Jill Connor with Charles Schwab at jconner@jamisonwealth.com or (678) 273-7320.

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Roster of Missional Communities

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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)

NEW WITH US? GET CONNECTED!

If you are new or visiting with us, make sure to fill out a connection card. There is a digital version available via the QR code above.

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

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

Ridgelines Class:

Would you like to learn more about Autumn Ridge Community Church? Participate in our Ridgelines Class! The class is four sessions, and sessions will be taught in rotation during the months of February and March. It's part of the process of joining covenant membership of Autumn Ridge Community Church, and it will present an in-depth look at who we are, what we do, why we hold to certain beliefs and distinctives, and how we are structured. **RSVP using the QR code below!**



