



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: "ROMANS 5:1, 6-8"

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. **7** For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— **8** but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

HYMN OF ACCLAMATION: "HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD"

The splendor of a 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, 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

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, beginning and the End
The Godhead, Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb, Lion and the Lamb - **Chorus**

Bridge

Name above all names, Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing, how great is our God
Name above all names, Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing, how great is our God - **Chorus**

WE MOURN THE REALITY OF SIN

HYMN OF CONFESSION: "HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!"

Man of Sorrows! what a name, For the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim, Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, In my place condemned He stood
He sealed my pardon with His blood, Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless me; Spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement! can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die; "It is finished!" was His cry;
Now in Heaven exalted high, Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King, All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Father, we come before You aware of our sin and our need for mercy.

Forgive us for forgetting that we are justified not by our works, but by faith. Forgive us for minimizing our sin and neglecting the great cost of our salvation.

You have shown Your love for us in this: that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Yet we confess how often we doubt Your love, and fail to rejoice in the hope You have given.

Humble us and help us to walk in newness of life, rejoicing even in our sufferings, knowing that You are at work in us.

Teach us to rest in the peace we have with You through Jesus. We need You always. We confess all this in the name of Jesus, our Savior. 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: “1 SAMUEL 7:3-4 & 10-12”

3 And Samuel said to all the house of Israel, “If you are returning to the Lord with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you and direct your heart to the Lord and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.” **4** So the people of Israel put away the Baals and the Ashtaroth, and they served the Lord only.

10 As Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to attack Israel. But the Lord thundered with a mighty sound that day against the Philistines and threw them into confusion, and they were defeated before Israel. **11** And the men of Israel went out from Mizpah and pursued the Philistines and struck them, as far as below Beth-car.

12 Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen and called its name Ebenezer; for he said, “Till now the Lord has helped us.”

SERMON: "DAZED AND CONFUSED? REPENT AND REMEMBER."

DAVIS LACEY - 1 SAMUEL 7:1-17 (PGS. 32-36 IN THE ILLUMINATED SCRIPTURE JOURNAL)

Main point: repentance restores what sin robs!

Sin Robs:

- Our RELATIONSHIP with the Lord
- Our sense of REALITY

Repentance Restores what Sin Robs:

- Relationship with the Lord
- Reality itself (see v. 10, "The LORD thundered...")

Applications:

- REPENT (turn TO the Lord and AWAY from sin)
- REMEMBER (because remembering now prevents repenting later)

WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

HYMN OF RESPONSE: "LIVING HOPE"

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke your name into the night
Then through the darkness, Your loving kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The king of kings calls me His own
Beautiful savior, I'm yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the roaring lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me

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Jesus, yours is the victory - **Chorus**

HYMN OF NEW CREATION: "TASTE AND SEE (THE LOVE OF CHRIST)"

Son of God and Son of man, Word enveloped in our skin
Known in all ways but our sin, Savior we remember

Walked the way of suffering, a cross that cost Him everything
What could match His offering, praise His name forever

Chorus

Oh, come to the altar, feast without price
Drink from the blessing cup, break the bread of life
In Him we live and never die
Taste and see the love of Christ

Buried in a darkened grave, resurrected in three days
Reigning on the throne of grace, Savior we remember

He will come upon the clouds, soon with mighty trumpet sounds
Every knee on Earth will bow, praise His name forever - **Chorus**

How marvelous, how wonderful, and my song shall ever be
How marvelous, how wonderful, is my Savior's love for me - **2x**

Final Chorus

Won't you come to the altar, feast without price
Drink from the blessing cup, break the bread of life
In Him we live and never die
Taste and see the love of Christ
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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.
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GIVING



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Roster of Missional Communities

Reach out to one of the leaders listed below to learn the specific rhythms of our different Missional Communities!

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!

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UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

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

April 5 - Easter Sunday

April 12 - Baptism Sunday

April 25 - Ridgelines Class Intensive from 9a - 1p, with lunch served.

Baptism Sunday

Autumn Ridge Community Church will celebrate baptisms during worship on Sunday, April 12. If you have questions about baptism, or if you are interested in pursuing baptism on April 12, please contact Davis Lacey at davis@autumnridgecommunitychurch.com.

Ridgelines Class Intensive

On Saturday, April 25, Autumn Ridge Community Church will host an "intensive" version of its Ridgelines Class between 9a - 1p at The Victory Christian Center. Childcare will be provided, and lunch will be served. To learn more, please email Peter Reale (membership@autumnridgecommunitychurch.com).