



1 & 2 Samuel



THE HOPE OF A BETTER KING



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WE GIVE GLORY TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP: "PSALM 100:1-2"

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! 2 Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! 3 Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! 5 For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

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: "COME THOU FOUNT"

Come, thou fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never-ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it. Mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come.
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God.
He to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O, to grace, how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it! Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, Lord: Take and seal it. Seal it for thy courts above.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lord, too often we forget your goodness. We forget that there are streams of mercy never ceasing. We forget that we are accepted, known, held and loved. Please tune our hearts to remember your grace.

Lord, we are prone to wander. We often live with hearts that are fearful, discontent, ashamed, and far from you. Forgive us, and restore our hearts to a place of gratitude for Your love.

While we were still sinners, you died for us, and rose from the grave, so that we could experience mercy and belonging. Help us to remember these things. Teach us to abide in you. In Jesus name we pray, amen.

WE CELEBRATE CHRIST AS OUR REDEEMER

HYMN OF REDEMPTION: "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

5-MINUTE BREAK

In addition to taking children to Ridge Kids and using the restroom, take time to meet/greet one another.

SCRIPTURE READING: "1 SAMUEL 2:1-10"

And Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the Lord; my horn is exalted in the Lord. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation. 2 "There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. 3 Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. 4 The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble bind on strength. 5 Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn.

6 The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. 7 The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts. 8 He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world. 9 "He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail. 10 The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed."

Notes:

SERMON: "THE HOPE OF A BETTER KING (INTRODUCTION TO 1-2 SAMUEL)"

DAVIS LACEY - 1 SAMUEL 1:1 – 2:11 (PGS. 6-14 IN THE ILLUMINATED SCRIPTURE JOURNAL)

The Wisdom of Studying the Old Testament

1. Scripture isn't a collection of stories, it's one story. Like with other stories, understanding the earlier chapters clarifies the overall plot.
2. The same God is depicted in both the Old Testament and the New Testament; all of Scripture helps us know, love and serve the Lord.
3. Human nature hasn't changed between the Old and New Testaments. The Old Testament provides wisdom for dealing with the temptations and problems that are common today, because they were also common thousands of years ago.

Judges 21:25: "In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes."

Human authority is a **servant**, not a **savior**.

We need a better King – and **the Lord himself is the better king we need!**

- He is the better King because he **provides** better (1 Sam. 1:1-20)
- He is the better King because he **speaks** better (1 Sam. 1:21-28)
- He is the better King because he **rules** better (1 Sam. 2:1-11)

Judges 13:3-5: ³ And the angel of the Lord appeared to the woman and said to her, "Behold, you are barren and have not borne children, but you shall conceive and bear a son. ⁴ Therefore be careful and drink no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean, ⁵ for behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. No razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb, and he shall begin to save Israel from the hand of the Philistines."

Deuteronomy 8:3: "...man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord."

WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

HYMN OF RESPONSE: "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**

HYMN OF NEW CREATION: "AMAZING GRACE"

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we first begun.

WAYS TO GIVE

- **Mail in Check:** Checks (or electronic checks) can be made payable to “Autumn Ridge Community Church” and mailed/sent to ARCC at 208 Victory Circle, STE 300, Ellijay, GA 30540 or placed in the wooden giving receptacles on the round tables upon entering the room. The memo should include how to designate the funds: “General Giving”, “Member Care Benevolence”, etc...
- **Debit or Credit Card:** Recurring gifts may also be set up and made by credit or debit card. You'll simply visit our giving portal at www.autumnridgecommunitychurch.com, in the upper right hand corner click “give” and plug in your information in there. In the *Give To* section you can designate our giving for “General Giving”.
- **ACH:** Give online via Electronic Funds Transfer (ACH). ACH offers the advantage of making a recurring gift that is electronically deducted from your check or savings account by Autumn Ridge Community Church once a month or twice a month (you pick the dates).

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UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Feb 15 - Ridgelines Class

Feb 22 - Ridgelines Class

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!**



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)

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