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PRELIMINARIES: WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WE GIVE GLORY TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 PETER 5:6-11

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, **7** casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. **8** Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. **9** Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. **10** And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. **11** To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

SONG OF ACCLAMATION: IS HE WORTHY?

Verse 1
Do you feel the world is broken? We do.
Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.
But do you know that all
the dark won't stop
The light from getting through? We do.
Do you wish that you could see it all
Made new? We do.

Verse 2
Is all creation groaning? It is.
Is a new creation coming? It is.
Is the glory of the Lord to be
The light within our midst? It is.
Is it good that we remind
ourselves of this?
It is.

Chorus
Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and
Open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah,
who conquered the grave,
He is David's root and the Lamb who died
To ransom the slave.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this?
He is!

Verse 3
Does the Father truly love us? He does.
Does the Spirit move among us? He does.
And does Jesus, our Messiah,
Hold forever those He loves? He does.
Does our God intend
to dwell again with us?
He does.

Chorus 2
Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and
Open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah,
who conquered the grave,
He is David's root and the Lamb who died
To ransom the slave.

Bridge
From every people and tribe,
Every nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom
And priests to God to reign with the Son.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this?
He is! He is!

Tag
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
He is! He is!
He is worthy!
He is worthy!
He is!

WE MOURN THE REALITY OF OUR SIN

SONG OF CONFESSION: COME YE SINNERS

Verse 1
Come ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love, and power.

Chorus
I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
Oh, there are ten thousand charms.

Verse 2
Come ye thirsty, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.

Verse 3
Come ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all.

Chorus
I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
Oh, there are ten thousand charms.

Verse 4
View Him prostrate in the garden,
On the ground your maker lies;
On the bloody tree behold Him,
Sinner, will this not suffice?

Verse 5
Lo, incarnate God ascended,
Pleads the merit of His blood;
Venture on Him, venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.

Chorus (x2)
I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
Oh, there are ten thousand charms.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Congregation: Deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone.

Leader: Lord, you are merciful and full of compassion. Please forgive us!

Congregation: Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls.

Leader: Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has worked your will in us. Amen.

CORPORATE REFLECTION & CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: EPHESIANS 2:1-10

1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins **2** in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— **3** among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. **4** But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, **5** even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— **6** and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, **7** so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches

of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. **8** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **9** not a result of works, so that no one may boast. **10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

WE CELEBRATE CHRIST AS OUR REDEEMER

SONG OF REDEMPTION: 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.

Verse 1
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

Verse 2
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

Verse 3
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
Praise the Lord!
His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness,
New every morn.
Our sins, they are many;
His mercy is more.

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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: 2 SAMUEL 21:1-14

1 Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year. And David sought the face of the LORD. And the LORD said, “There is bloodguilt on Saul and on his house, because he put the Gibeonites to death.” **2** So the king called the Gibeonites and spoke to them. Now the Gibeonites were not of the people of Israel but of the remnant of the Amorites. Although the people of Israel had sworn to spare them, Saul had sought to strike them down in his zeal for the people of Israel and Judah. **3** And David said to the Gibeonites, “What shall I do for you? And how shall I make atonement, that you may bless the heritage of the LORD?” **4** The Gibeonites said to him, “It is not a matter of silver or gold between us and Saul or his house; neither is it for us to put any man to death in Israel.” And he said, “What do you say that I shall do for you?” **5** They said to the king, “The man who consumed us and planned to destroy us, so that we should have no place in all the territory of Israel, **6** let seven of his sons be given to us, so that we may hang them before the LORD at Gibeah of Saul, the chosen of the LORD.” And the king said, “I will give them.”

7 But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son of Saul’s son Jonathan, because of the oath of the LORD that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul. **8** The king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bore to Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth; and the five sons of Merab the daughter of Saul, whom she bore to Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite; **9** and he gave them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them on the mountain before the LORD, and the seven of them perished together. They were put to death in the first days of harvest, at the beginning of barley harvest.

10 Then Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and spread it for herself on the rock, from the beginning of harvest until rain fell upon them from the heavens. And she did not allow the birds of the air to come upon them by day, or the beasts of the field by night. **11** When David was told what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done, **12** David went and took the bones of Saul and the

bones of his son Jonathan from the men of Jabesh-gilead, who had stolen them from the public square of Beth-shan, where the Philistines had hanged them, on the day the Philistines killed Saul on Gilboa. **13** And he brought up from there the bones of Saul and the bones of his son Jonathan; and they gathered the bones of those who were hanged. **14** And they buried the bones of Saul and his son Jonathan in the land of Benjamin in Zela, in the tomb of Kish his father. And they did all that the king commanded. And after that God responded to the plea for the land.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON: "THE LORD'S MERCY IN ACCEPTING ATONEMENT"
DAVIS LACEY -2 SAMUEL 21:1-14 (PGS. 262-264 IN THE ILLUMINATED SCRIPTURE JOURNAL))

Main Point: the Lord is merciful in accepting atonement!

- Atonement = payment for an offense or injury
- Theologically, atonement = payment for sin

Cross-References:

Deuteronomy 28:1-6: *"And if you faithfully obey the voice of the LORD your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the LORD your God. Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out."*

Deuteronomy 28:13-19: *"But if you will not obey the voice of the LORD your God or be careful to do all his commandments and his statutes that I command you today, then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you. Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the field. Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Cursed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out."*

Joshua 9:14-20: *So the men took some of their provisions, but did not ask counsel from the Lord. And Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant with them, to let them live, and the leaders of the congregation swore to them. At the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, they heard that they were their neighbors and that they lived among them. And the people of Israel set out and reached their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kiriath-jearim. But the people of Israel did not attack them, because the leaders of the congregation had sworn to them by the Lord, the God of Israel. Then all the congregation murmured against the leaders. But all the leaders said to all the congregation, "We have sworn to them by the Lord, the God of Israel, and now we may not touch them. This we will do to them: let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath that we swore to them."*

Applications:

1. See how seriously the Lord takes the use of His name.Do you honor the name of the Lord?
2. See how costly atonement is. Do you consider the cost of sin?
3. See how merciful the Lord is in accepting atonement – not only in this passage, but especially in the Gospel. Are you following Jesus, the One who mercifully paid the wages of sin in your place?

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: JESUS, THANK YOU

Verse 1
The myst'ry of the cross I cannot comprehend,
The agonies of Calvary.
You, the perfect, holy One, crushed Your Son,
Who 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.

Verse 2
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

Bridge
Lover of my soul, I want to live for You.

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.

WE ARE SENT BACK INTO THE WORLD

SONG OF NEW CREATION: JOY TO THE WORLD

To the tune of Antioch

Verse 1
Joy to the World! The Lord is come.
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Verse 4
He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

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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Bryan and Shannon Thomas (StPatrick1330@yahoo.com)

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

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