

October 11, 2026

PRELIMINARIES: WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WE GIVE GLORY TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP: MARK 9:2-7

Leader: 2 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, 3 and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. 4 And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. 5 And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” 6 For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

Congregation: 7 And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him."

Leader: Christ is glorified and we now gather to listen to him as His church.

Congregation: Come, let us worship the Lord!

SONG OF ACCLAMATION: ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

To the tune of Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Verse 1
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.

Verse 2
Thou rushing winds that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n 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.

Verse 3
And all ye saints of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O praise Him; Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Verse 4
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 OUR SIN

SONG OF CONFESSION: LORD, I NEED YOU

Verse 1
Lord, I come, I con-fess:
Bowing here, I find my rest.
Without You, I fall apart;
You're the One that guides my heart.

Chorus
Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You;
Every hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.

Chorus
Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You;
Every hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.

Verse 2
Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more;
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free;
Holiness is Christ in me.

Bridge
Teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You;
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

Chorus
Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You;
Every hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.

READING OF THE LAW: EXODUS 20:12-17

Leader: Hear the Law of God:

12 Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.
13 You shall not murder.
14 You shall not commit adultery.
15 You shall not steal.
16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
17 You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

CORPORATE REFLECTION & CONFESSION

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Lord, You have commanded us to honor our father and mother, yet we have often disrespected the authorities You have placed over us and failed to show gratitude and obedience.

Congregation: Forgive us, O Lord, for our pride and rebellion.

Leader: You have commanded us not to murder, yet we have harbored anger, hatred, and bitterness in our hearts, and have wounded others with our words and attitudes.

Congregation: Forgive us, O Lord, for the murder in our hearts.

Leader: You have commanded us not to commit adultery, yet we have entertained lustful thoughts and failed to honor the purity and faithfulness You require.

Congregation: Forgive us, O Lord, for our impurity.

Leader: You have commanded us not to steal, yet we have been greedy, dishonest, and self-serving with the time, resources, and opportunities You have given us.

Congregation: Forgive us, O Lord, for our theft and greed.

Leader: You have commanded us not to bear false witness, yet we have spoken lies, gossip, and half-truths, and have failed to defend the reputation of our neighbor.

Congregation: Forgive us, O Lord, for our deceitful tongues.

Leader: You have commanded us not to covet, yet we have envied the gifts, success, and relationships of others, and have been discontent with Your provision.

Congregation: Forgive us, O Lord, for our restless and covetous hearts.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

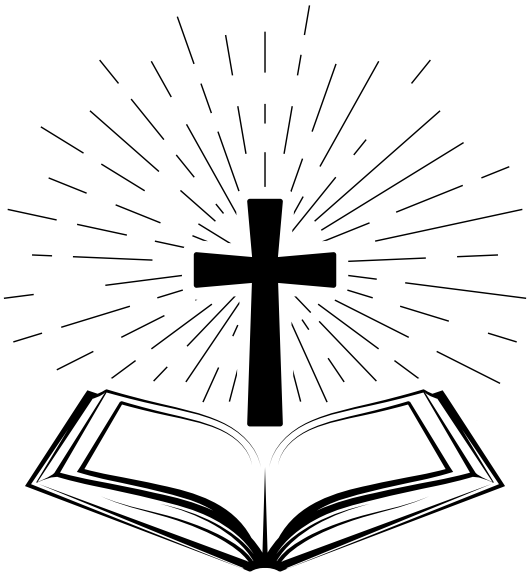
ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-11

Leader: Hear the good news of the Gospel:

9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, **10** nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. **11** And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God!



WE CELEBRATE CHRIST AS OUR REDEEMER

SONG OF REDEMPTION: BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Verse 1
Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea:
The great high priest who's name is love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.

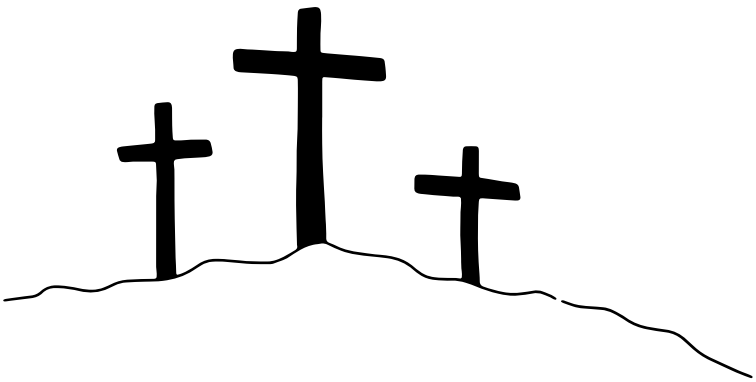
My name is graven on his hands;
My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in Heaven he stands
No tongue can bid me thence, "Depart."
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Verse 2
When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there -
Who made an end of all my sin.

Because the sinless savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the just, is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me;
To look on him and pardon me.

Verse 3
Behold him there, the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I Am,
The King of glory and of grace!

One with himself, I cannot die.
My soul is purchased by his blood!
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God;
With Christ, my Savior and my God!



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 18:31-33

31 And behold, the Cushite came, and the Cushite said, “Good news for my lord the king! For the LORD has delivered you this day from the hand of all who rose up against you.” **32** The king said to the Cushite, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” And the Cushite answered, “May the enemies of my lord the king and all who rise up against you for evil be like that young man.” **33** And the king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept. And as he went, he said, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON: “HOW GOD’S KINGDOM PROSPERS”

DAVIS LACEY - 2 SAMUEL 18:1-19:8 (PGS. 242-250 IN THE ILLUMINATED SCRIPTURE JOURNAL)

Main Point: For God’s Kingdom to prosper, God’s enemies must perish.

Cross-references:

2 Samuel 7:16: *And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.*

Joshua 8:29: *And he hanged the king of Ai on a tree until evening. And at sunset Joshua commanded, and they took his body down from the tree and threw it at the entrance of the gate of the city and raised over it a great heap of stones, which stands there to this day.*

Joshua 10:26-27: *And afterward Joshua struck them and put them to death, and he hanged them on five trees. And they hung on the trees until evening. But at the time of the going down of the sun, Joshua commanded, and they took them down from the trees and threw them into the cave where they had hidden themselves, and they set large stones against the mouth of the cave, which remain to this very day.*

Deuteronomy 21:22-23: *And if a man has committed a crime punishable by death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall bury him the same day, for a hanged man is cursed by God. You shall not defile your land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance.*

2 Samuel 12:10: *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.*

Isaiah 53:4: *Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows...*

2 Corinthians 5:17: *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

Revelation 21:4: *He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.*

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: WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

To the tune of Hamburg

Verse 1
When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Verse 2
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through His blood.

Verse 3
See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Verse 4
Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.



WE ARE SENT BACK INTO THE WORLD

SONG OF NEW CREATION: ROMANS 11:36 DOXOLOGY

To the tune of Old 100th (Doxology)

For from Him, through Him, to Him all;
To God be glory over all.
All things exist by His decree;
Praise Him through all eternity.

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

- **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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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 (jeanniem165@gmail.com, castleco@live.com or prestoncporter21@gmail.com)

Ted and Leslie Murphy (tedmurphy@etcmail.com – or contact Peggy McNash at Peggy.mcnash@gmail.com)

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)

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.

- **October 23** - Men and Boy's Campout