

AUTUMN RIDGE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

September 13, 2026

PRELIMINARIES: WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WE GIVE GLORY TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP: REVELATION 15:2-4

Leader: **2** And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire, and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. **3** And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,
Congregation: "Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!
Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!
4 Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?
For you alone are holy. All nations will come to worship you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed."

SONG OF ACCLAMATION: HOLY, HOLY. HOLY!

Verse 1
Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God Almighty.
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy,
Merciful and mighty.
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Verse 2
Holy, holy, holy!
All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim
falling down before Thee,
Which wert, and art,
and evermore shalt be.

Verse 3
Holy, holy, holy,
Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy;
there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Verse 4
Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God Almighty.
All Thy works shall praise Thy name,
in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy,
Merciful and mighty.
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

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.

READING OF THE LAW: ROMANS 13:8-10

8 Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. **9** For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” **10** Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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 owe no one anything except to love one another.

Congregation: Forgive us for the debts of bitterness, indifference, and self-interest that we still carry.

Leader: You have shown us that love fulfills the law, that every commandment is summed up in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Congregation: Teach us to love not merely in word, but in truth and action. Keep us from doing wrong to our neighbor, and form in us a love that reflects your own.

Leader: By your Spirit, make us a people who fulfill your law through love, for the glory of Christ and for the good of one another. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: PSALM 103:10-12

Leader: Hear now the comfort of the Gospel: **10** He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. **11** For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

Congregation: 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

WE CELEBRATE CHRIST AS OUR REDEEMER

SONG OF REDEMPTION: HOW GREAT THOU ART

Verse 1
O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

Verse 2
And when I think That God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, My burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Chorus
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

Verse 3
When Christ shall come With shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow In humble adoration
And then proclaim, “My God, how great Thou art!”

Chorus
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!



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)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: "DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9"

4 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. **5** You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. **6** And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. **7** You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. **8** You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. **9** You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

SERMON: "A FAITH WORTH PASSING DOWN"

ADAM DOWNER

1. A Faith Worth Passing Down Begins with Loving God Wholeheartedly
2. A Faith Worth Passing Down Requires God's Word to Live in Us First
3. A Faith Worth Passing Down Is Formed Through the Rhythms of Everyday Life

Conclusion — The greatest thing we can pass down is a faith that leads to Jesus.

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: THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS (PSALM 23)

To the tune of St. Columbia

Verse 1
The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

Verse 2
Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Verse 3
Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

Verse 4
In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Verse 5
Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

Verse 6
And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.



WE ARE SENT BACK INTO THE WORLD

SONG OF NEW CREATION: BE THOU MY VISION

To the tune of Slane

Verse 1

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Verse 4

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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.

QR Codes for Digital Access It's easy as 1,2,3!

To access the following items:

1. Open the camera on your digital device
2. Hover over the QR squares below
3. A link will appear on the screen. Tap the yellow link and you will be taken to an online site where you can access the following.

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!

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.

- **September 20** - Members Business Meeting
- **September 25** - Barn Dance
- **October 23** - Men and Boy's Campout

Youth Transformation Groups

Starting on **Sunday, August 23**, students in 6th - 12th grade are invited to participate in gender-specific Transformation Groups! Adult leaders will be on site (upstairs at the Victory Christian Center) at 8:45a, and the **youth Transformation Groups will begin at 9 AM.** For more information, please email Damon or Samantha Gabriel (damon@artfulellijay.com, samantha@artfulellijay.com).

Ridge Kids Is Growing and We Need You!

Ridge Kids is growing and we need 14 more teachers to reach our goal of 37, each serving just one Sunday a month. Curriculum is provided. Contact Leigh Colburn at 770-883- 9001 or colburn65@gmail.com.

Meet our Pastor of Families Candidate

Exciting news from our elders! During the August 23 Church Members update meeting, our elders announced Adam Downer as our candidate for Pastor of Families. Adam and his wife Penny will join us for a candidate weekend on Sunday, September 13, when Adam will preach during worship, followed by a luncheon where you can meet the Downers personally. A church members' business meeting to formally affirm Adam's prospective service will follow worship on September 20.