



Preliminaries: Welcome and Announcements

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We give Glory to God

Call to Worship: “Luke 8:22-25”

22 One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side of the lake.” So they set out, 23 and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. 24 And they went and woke him, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm. 25 He said to them, “Where is your faith?” And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, “Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?”

Hymn of Acclamation: “In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,

Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

We Mourn the Reality of Sin

Hymn of Confession: “All I Have is Christ”

I once was lost in darkest night, Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life, Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own, A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race, Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state, And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me, Now all I know is grace

Chorus

Hallelujah all I have is Christ
Hallelujah Jesus is my life

Now Lord I would be Yours alone, And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands, Could never come from me
O Father use my ransomed life, In any way You choose
And let my song forever be, My only boast is You - **Chorus**

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Luke 9:23-25 23 And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

25 For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?

Lord, I confess my tendency to live for myself, my pride, and my selfish desires.

I hear the call in Luke 9:23: to deny myself, take up my cross daily, and follow You. Help me submit my own plans and ways to You, and to embrace the challenges and sacrifices required to follow You.

Thank you for Your amazing sacrifice. You submitted yourself to death on a cross for our redemption. We praise you for the privilege of following You daily. We praise You for the joy we find in following You. We praise You for the eternal life we have in You. The joy and life we have in You this very day. Help us to live life to the full in You, dead to ourselves, alive in You. Let that be our story today, and forever. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

We Celebrate Christ as Our Redeemer

Hymn of Redemption: "His Mercy is More"

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

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more!

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**

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**

5-Minute Break

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

Scripture Reading: “Genesis 3:1-19”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” 2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” 4 But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” 10 And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” 11 He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” 12 The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” 13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

14 The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. 15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

16 To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.” 17 And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to

the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; 18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Sermon: "Ridgelines 2026, Week #3 (The Mission of God and our Missional Communities)"

Davis Lacey - Genesis 3:1-19

Main point: the mission of Jesus is to reconcile humanity: both to God, and to the blessings which flow from Him alone!

The Mission of Jesus, Explained

1. What was broken?
 - a. Relationship w/ God (Gen. 3:8)
 - b. Relationship w/ Self (Gen. 3:7)
 - c. Relationship w/ Others (Gen. 3:12, Gen. 3:16)
 - d. Relationship w/ Work and the World (Gen. 3:16-18)
2. Who will fix it?
 - a. Jesus will fix it!
 - b. Gen. 3:15
3. How will he fix it?
 - a. Romans 16:20 – "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet."
 - b. We – God's people – are used to apply the effects of Jesus' saving work to others.

2 Corinthians 5:17-20: *17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*

1. The **Message** of Reconciliation (cf. Romans 10:17)
2. The **Ministry** of Reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:17-20)

Missional Communities equip people to live out the gospel – through both the ministry and the message of reconciliation!

- **“Communities” – not “Groups”**
- Message of Reconciliation (Pray for the lost/unchurched, training, Inward/Upward/Outward sermon discussions, etc.)
- Ministry of Reconciliation

We Respond to the Gospel

Hymn of response: “Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus”

Be stillJesus, Jesus, how I trust Him

How I've proved Him o'er and o'er

Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus

Oh for grace to trust Him more

“Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His word
Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know thus saith the Lord

“Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking, Life and rest and joy and peace

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him, How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus, Oh for grace to trust Him more

Oh how sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to trust His cleansing blood
And in simple faith to plunge me, Neath the healing, cleansing flood

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him, How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus, Oh for grace to trust Him more
Oh, for grace to trust Him more

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend
And I know that Thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end

Hymn of New Creation: “Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

What Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises, Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness, Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended, Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring, Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam, Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment, Of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners, Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption, See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory, Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance, How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected, As we will be when He comes

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 1 - Covenant Renewal and Members' Business Meeting

Mar 7 - Leanna Crawford Concert

February 1 Covenant Renewal and Members' Business Meeting:

We invite all Covenant Members of Autumn Ridge Community Church to join us at The Victory Christian Center on Sunday, Feb. 1 between 4p - 7p. We'll be affirming new members, digesting a variety of ministry reports, reflecting on 2025, and casting vision for 2026. After the business meeting, dinner will be served, and will be followed by a time of celebration, Membership Covenant renewal, and The Lord's Supper amongst our members. To RSVP, or to learn how to take your next step in Autumn Ridge Community Church's membership process, email

membership@autumnridgecommunitychurch.com.

Leanna Crawford Concert - March 7th - 7:00pm

Join us for concert featuring 2025 New Artist of the Year Dove Award Winner Leanna Crawford with Riley Clemons and Madison Watkins! Everyone is welcome! Visit www.vccellijay.com to register.

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)

Andrew and Angie Beccue (andrew@autumnridgecommunitychurch.com | 678.897.0376)

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 (1:00p)

Pete Kiscunas (678-480-6096 | mkiscunas5@gmail.com) and Pete Westrick (731-607-6963 | pjw629@icloud.com)

Wednesday Evenings (5:30p)

Damon and Samantha Gabriel (404-408-0673 | samantha@artfullelijay.com)

