

November 8, 2026

PRELIMINARIES: WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WE GIVE GLORY TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP: HEBREWS 4:14-16

14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. **15** For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. **16** Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

SONG OF ACCLAMATION: ONLY A HOLY GOD

Verse 1
Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God.

Verse 2
What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God.

Chorus
Come and behold Him,
The One and the Only;
Cry out, sing "Holy!
Forever a Holy God."
Come and worship the Holy God.

Verse 3
What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God.

Chorus
Come and behold Him,
The One and the Only;
Cry out, sing "Holy!
Forever a Holy God."
Come and worship the Holy God.

Verse 4
Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God.
Only my Holy God.

Chorus (x2)
Come and behold Him,
The One and the Only;
Cry out, sing "Holy!
Forever a Holy God."
Come and worship the Holy God.

WE MOURN THE REALITY OF OUR SIN

SONG OF CONFESSION: HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

Verse 1
When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path,
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

Chorus
He will hold me fast.
He will hold me fast.
For my Savior loves me so;
He will hold me fast.

Verse 2
Those He saves are His delight;
Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last.
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

Chorus
He will hold me fast.
He will hold me fast.
For my Savior loves me so;
He will hold me fast.

Verse 3
For my life He bled and died;
Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast.
'Til our faith is turned to sight,
When He comes at last.

Chorus (x2)
He will hold me fast.
He will hold me fast.
For my Savior loves me so;
He will hold me fast.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Father, We come before You aware of how easily our hearts wander. You have called us to trust You, love You, and walk in Your ways, yet we confess that our grip on faith is often weak. We chase after lesser things. We rely on our own strength. We grow anxious, fearful, and forgetful of Your promises.

Congregation: Lord, we confess the sins we know and the ones we fail to see—the harsh words, the hidden pride, the quiet doubts that pull us away from You.

Leader: If our salvation depended on our faithfulness alone, we would be in trouble. But we thank You that our hope does not rest in our grip on You, but in Your steadfast grip on us. Because of Jesus—His cross, His mercy, and His resurrection—forgive us, cleanse us, and renew us. Teach our hearts to rest in Your grace.

Congregation: Strengthen our faith, and remind us that when we cannot hold on, Christ holds us fast.

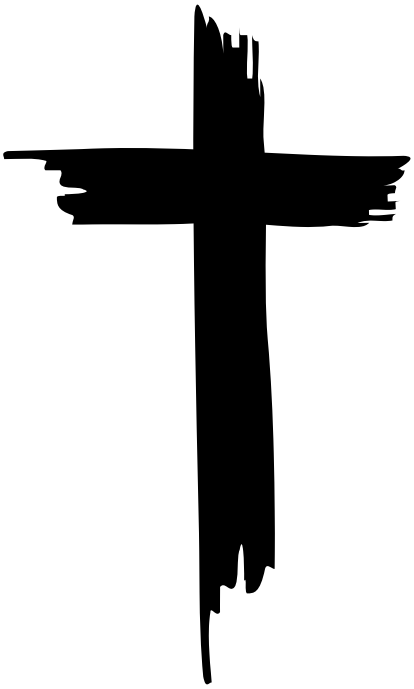
Leader: We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

CORPORATE REFLECTION & CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: HEBREWS 7:23-27

23 The former priests were many in number,
because they were prevented by death from
continuing in office, **24** but he holds his
priesthood permanently, because he continues
forever. **25** Consequently, he is able to save to
the uttermost those who draw near to God
through him, since he always lives to make
intercession for them.



26 For it was indeed fitting that we should have
such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained,
separated from sinners, and exalted above the
heavens. **27** He has no need, like those high
priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own
sins and then for those of the people, since he
did this once for all when he offered up himself.

WE CELEBRATE CHRIST AS OUR REDEEMER

SONG OF REDEMPTION: ALL SUFFICIENT MERIT

Verse 1
All sufficient merit,
Shining like the sun;
A fortune I inherit
By no work I have done.

My righteousness I forfeit
At my Savior's cross,
Where all sufficient merit
Did what I could not.

Verse 2
In love He condescended,
Eternal now in time;
A life without a blemish,
The Maker made to die.

The law could never save us;
Our lawlessness had won,
Until the pure and spotless
Lamb had finally come.

Chorus
It is done, it is finished;
No more debt I owe.
Paid in full, all sufficient
Merit now my own.

Verse 3
I lay down my garments,
Any empty boast;
Good works now all corrupted
By the sinful host.

Dressed in my Lord Jesus,
A crimson robe made white;
No more fear of judgment;
His righteousness is mine.

Chorus (x2)

Verse 4
All sufficient merit,
Firm in life and death;
The joy of my salvation
Shall be my final breath.

When I stand accepted
Before the throne of God,
I'll gaze upon my Jesus
And thank Him for the cross.
Yes, I'll thank Him for the cross.

Chorus (x2)

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Oh, Your merit now my own
Oh, Your merit now my own

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 23:1-7

1 Now these are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, the son of Jesse,
the oracle of the man who was raised on high,
the anointed of the God of Jacob,
the sweet psalmist of Israel:

2 “The Spirit of the LORD speaks by me;
his word is on my tongue.
3 The God of Israel has spoken;
the Rock of Israel has said to me:
When one rules justly over men,
ruling in the fear of God,
4 he dawns on them like the morning light,
like the sun shining forth on a cloudless morning,
like rain that makes grass to sprout from the earth.

5 “For does not my house stand so with God?
For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.
For will he not cause to prosper
all my help and my desire?
6 But worthless men are all like thorns that are thrown away,
for they cannot be taken with the hand;
7 but the man who touches them
arms himself with iron and the shaft of a spear,
and they are utterly consumed with fire.”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON: "FINAL WORDS, FUTURE HOPE"

DAVIS LACEY - 2 SAMUEL 23 (PGS. 276-282 IN THE ILLUMINATED SCRIPTURE JOURNALS)

"Famous Last Words"

- Nathan Hale, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."
- Admiral Nelson, "Thank God I have done my duty."
- John Wayne, "You're my girl. I love you."

David's last words in 2 Samuel 23:1-7:

- Don't focus on himself; focus on The Lord
- Don't get us thinking BACK (to David), but FORWARD (to our future hope)
- **David's final words point us to our future hope!**

Cross-References:

2 Samuel 7:12-16: "*When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.'"*

Revelation 21:3-5: *And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 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." And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."*

Mathew 13:41-43: *"The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."*

(See also Hebrews 4:14-16 and Philippians 2:9-11)

Conclusions/Applications:

- Don't settle for second-rate saviors.
- In Christ, there is an expiration date to your tears.
- God's blessings never come apart from God's authority.
- Share David's final words – and our future hope – with other people!

NOTES:

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: HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

Verse 3
For my life He bled and died;
Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.

Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast.
'Til our faith is turned to sight,
When He comes at last.

Chorus (x2)
He will hold me fast.
He will hold me fast.
For my Savior loves me so;
He will hold me fast.

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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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.

Operation Christmas Child at Autumn Ridge

Tuesday, November 10, Workday

Saturday, November 14, Decorating Day

Sunday, November 15: Packing Day

For more information, please reach out to Shannon Thomas, shannonthomas@gmail.com, or Peggy McNash, (404) 918-9711

Wednesday, Decemeber 16: Cookie Walk

Join us for the first-ever Autumn Ridge Community Church Cookie Walk and Christmas Lights Party! The fun is for ALL ages and starts at The Victory Christian Center at 5pm. If you're running late, that's OK! We will celebrate at The Victory Christian Center until 6p, at which time we will drive to The Ellijay Lions Club Fairgrounds to enjoy the "Holiday Lights of Georgia." There is no cost to participate.

See registration on Missions Memo