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PRELIMINARIES: WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WE GIVE GLORY TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 PETER 2:4-5

4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, **5** you yourselves, like living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

SONG OF ACCLAMATION: PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

To the tune of Lobe den Herren

Verse 1
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration.

Verse 2
Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea,
so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Verse 3
Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Verse 6
Praise to the Lord! O let all that
is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now
with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

WE MOURN THE REALITY OF OUR SIN

SONG OF CONFESSION: ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST

Chorus
Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

Verse 1
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.

Verse 2
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.

Verse 3
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 (x2)
Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 TIMTOHY 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, **17** that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Lord, you have authored, preserved, and allowed to be translated sixty-six books of the Bible which are useful and good for us. In them is all we need for life and godliness. In them, we can be equipped for every good work. We struggle to understand at times – not because there is anything wrong with your Word, but because our hearts, minds, and souls have been damaged by the presence of sin in the world.

Congregation: Our sin has made us blind to see, deaf to hear, slow to learn, and quick to forget. Have mercy on us, and hear our prayer, O God.

Leader: For all the ways we fall short at knowing you and understanding you.

Congregation: Have mercy on us, and hear our prayer, O God.

Leader: For all the ways we fail to practice what we do understand from you.

Congregation: Have mercy on us, and hear our prayer, O God.

Leader: For all the ways we rush about like Martha and so and fail to sit at your feet, like Mary.

Congregation: Have mercy on us, and hear our prayer, O God.

Leader: For all the ways we allow our doubts, our concerns, and our questions about your Word to drive us further from you, rather than into your loving presence.

Congregation: Have mercy on us, and hear our prayer, O God.

Leader: For all the ways we are quick to grumble about your Word to others, instead of approaching you in humble prayer.

Congregation: Have mercy on us, and hear our prayer, O God.

Leader: How do these statements ring true in your hearing this morning? Would you take a moment to approach the Lord in prayer, that grace and mercy may be found for your time of need.

CORPORATE REFLECTION & CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: JOHN 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

WE CELEBRATE CHRIST AS OUR REDEEMER

SONG OF REDEMPTION: IT WAS FINISHED UPON THAT CROSS

Verse 1
How I love the voice of Jesus
On the cross of Calvary.
He declares His work is finished.
He has spoken this hope to me.
Though the sun had ceased its shining,
Though the war appeared as lost,
Christ had triumphed over evil;
It was finished upon that cross.

Verse 2
Now the curse it has been broken;
Jesus paid the price for me.
Full the pardon He has offered;
Great the welcome that I receive.
Boldly I approach my Father
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness.
There is no more guilt to carry,
It was finished upon that cross.

Verse 3
Death was once my great opponent;
Fear once had a hold on me.
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed!
Yes He rose that we would be free indeed!

Verse 4
Free from every plan of darkness,
Free to live and free to love.
Death is dead and Christ is risen;
It was finished upon that cross.
Onward to eternal glory,
To my Savior and my God.
I rejoice in Jesus' victory;
It was finished upon that cross.

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It was finished upon that cross.

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 20:23-26

23 Now Joab was in command of all the army of Israel; and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was in command of the Cherethites and the Pelethites; **24** and Adoram was in charge of the forced labor; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was the recorder; **25** and Sheva was secretary; and Zadok and Abiathar were priests; **26** and Ira the Jairite was also David’s priest.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON: “WHO CAN MEND THE MESS WE MAKE?”

DAVIS LACEY - 2 SAMUEL 19B–20:26 (PGS. 250–260 IN THE ILLUMINATED SCRIPTURE JOURNAL)

Main Point: We cannot mend the mess we make (i.e. sin). Who will mend this mess for us?

2 Samuel 12:10: “Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.”

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

2 Samuel 8:15-18: So David reigned over all Israel. And David administered justice and equity to all his people. Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the army, and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder, and Zadok the son of Ahitub and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar were priests, and Seraiah was secretary, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and David’s sons were priests.

Other cross-references:

- 2 Samuel 15:-12
- 2 Samuel 16:1-4

Questions for Reflection/Application:

- How can I/we turn from works-based righteousness to trust in the Only One who can mend the mess of sin?
  - "My goods outweigh my bads" mentality
  - Shame and self-accusation for the ways we fail to follow Christ

- How can I/we turn from worldly wisdom to trust in the Only One who can mend the mess of sin?
  - Where do I/we trust in worldly wisdom more than we trust in Christ?
  - Where do I/we use worldly wisdom to serve self instead of Christ?

- Who do I/we know that's living in the mess of sin? What truth from this Scripture and from this sermon can I share with them?

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: WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

Chorus
We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things,"
we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.

Verse 1
We will not be burned by the fire.
He is the Lord, our God.
We are not consumed by the flood,
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

Chorus
We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things,"
we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.



Verse 2
In the dark of night, before the dawn,
My soul be not afraid.
For the promised morning, Oh how long,
O God of Jacob, be my strength.

Chorus
We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things,"
we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.

Verse 3
Every vow we've broken and betrayed,
You are the Faithful One.
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together, bring shalom.

Chorus (x2)
We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things,"
we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.

WE ARE SENT BACK INTO THE WORLD

SONG OF NEW CREATION: COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

To the tune of Hyfrydol

Verse 1
Come, thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Verse 2
Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

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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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.

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