

May 17, 2015
Ascension Sunday



Cypress Ridge
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

WELCOME

Thank you for joining us today. We would love for you to become a regular part of what God is doing in and through Cypress Ridge Church. If you would like more information about the CRPC church family, please fill out the information card and place it in the offering plate later in the service. We encourage you to check out our website which has more information about our church:
www.cypressridge-pca.org

WE HAVE SEVERAL OPTIONS IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN

1. Children are welcome to remain in the Worship Center for the entire service. Typically, our service is no longer than one hour and 15 minutes.
2. There is a fully staffed nursery and pre-school room. The nursery is for infants thru 1 year olds. The pre-school room is for 2-3 year olds.
3. Because children are so important to the Lord and to us, children of all ages are invited to come forward for prayer near the beginning of our worship service.
4. Following the Children's Prayer, children may return to their seats or go to Children's Worship.
5. Children's Worship is offered for those from age 4 thru 3rd grade. CW includes music, Bible teaching, craft, and a light snack. Children are brought back to the Worship Center before Communion.
6. There is a cry room at the back of the Worship Center where parents can take their child(ren) during the service.

If you have any questions concerning child care options, please speak to one of our ushers at the entrance of the Worship Center.

About the Cover: James Joseph Tissot was born in Nantes, France in 1836. This painting is titled The Ascension and was painted between 1886 and 1894. In 1885, Tissot had a revival of his Catholic faith, which led him to spend the rest of his life making paintings about Biblical events.

The LORD Gathers The Nations

We believe that God, in His three-fold person of Father, Son, and Spirit, out of His grace and love for humanity calls the world to worship Him. Each week we come not in perfection, but with our troubles and questions. As a Christian community, we meet with God in a special way on the first day of the week. Community worship is vital to a healthy relationship with God.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

[Please silence your mobile devices]

Reflection

Almighty God, as we prepare to worship today, we ask that you will stretch our imaginations to sense the majesty and mystery of your ascension. Help us perceive how Jesus' presence in heaven can give us confidence in our praying and hope for the future. Through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

[Prepare your hearts for worship in silent prayer/meditation]

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

†Call to Worship

Psalm 47:5-7

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

For God is the King of all the earth

Sing praises with a psalm!

†Congregation stands

**All hail the power of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all**

**Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all**

**Let every kindred every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all**

**O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all**

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**Here is love, vast as the ocean
Loving kindness as the flood
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom
Shed for us His precious blood**

**Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout Heav'n's eternal days**

**On the mount of crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast a gracious tide**

**Grace and love, like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above
And Heav'n's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love**

**No love is higher, no love is wider
No love is deeper, no love is truer (2x)**

**Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout Heav'n's eternal days**

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Prayer for Children

[Children ages 4 through 3rd grade may leave for Children's Church]
[Parents, please notify leaders of any food allergies]

The LORD Reveals Himself To The World

God calls the nations to follow him. He does this primarily through the reading and exposition of the Bible as contained in the Old and New Testaments. We typically read verses from both testaments to help us see and understand the continuity of God's redemptive plan to save His people.

Old Testament Reading (Pew Bible p. 498)

Psalm 93

¹ The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. ² Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting. ³ The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring. ⁴ Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the LORD on high is mighty! ⁵ Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore

New Testament Reading (Pew Bible pp. 909, 976, 944)) *Various verses*

Acts 1:9-11: ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Ephesians 1:20-23: ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Romans 8:28: And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Notes

**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
 'Til on the cross as Jesus died
 The wrath of God was satisfied
 For every 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
 'Til He returns or calls me home
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand**

The LORD Forgives Our Sins

We respond to God's revelation by acknowledging that we are not perfect. Therefore, we need the Savior, Jesus Christ. He invites us to bring Him all our faults and brokenness. Because of His gracious love, He forgives all our sins.

†Call to Confession of Sin

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

While we claim to celebrate the ascension of our Lord, the way we live proclaims our lack of faith in his power to deal with the world. Let us confess the incongruity between our faith and practice.

Let us pray.

“We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust. While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we have too often acted as though you are powerless in the face of today’s events. Help us to live with confidence in your presence today and in hope for life with you forever. Amen.

[Silent time of confession]

†Assurance of Pardon

from 1 John 2:1-2

Hear the good news of the gospel: If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

In Christ, you are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

†Greet One Another in Peace

**Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son
Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun
His reign on earth begun**

**He comes in succor speedy, to those who suffer wrong
He shall come down like showers, upon the fruitful earth**

Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth

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The LORD Calls Us To Pray

God calls us to live a life of faith. Faith requires prayer. Through prayer we seek His will, trusting that He will do what is best for us.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Our Missionaries for the month of May are Jeremiah and Danielle Fox ministering in Santiago de Compostela, Spain. They present the gospel to pilgrims traveling the Camino de Santiago trail. They helped to create a place of refuge called Pilgrim House for weary travelers. To see more about their ministry visit their site at "caminodefoc.org".

Congregational Prayer

Jesus Christ, mediator and high priest, we thank you for becoming human and for experiencing the joys and sorrows of life, which assures us that you are able to sympathize and rejoice with us.

We praise you for the many joys of life: for the beauty of creation, for your work in this world, for the growth of your kingdom, for the greatest source of our happiness, the gift of eternal life.

As our mediator, Lord Jesus, you stand before God, petitioning him on our behalf, so we boldly bring before you our prayers:

[Individual prayers may be offered at this time]

Ascended Christ, how grateful we are that you ever live to pray for us, even now at God's right hand. We pray to you as Lord, and with you to the Father:

**Our Father, Who art in Heaven
Hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our debts
As we have forgiven our debtors
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power
And the glory, forever. Amen.**

Worship includes returning to God and His work a portion of our material possessions as tithes and offerings. We ask Him to use the generosity of His people to continue and to advance the work of His church.

Offering

Leviticus 27:30

Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the LORD'S; it is holy to the LORD.

†Hymn

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

**Come behold the wondrous mystery
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**

[Hymn continues on next page]

**Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
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 mystery
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 mystery
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 deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes**

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The LORD Communes With His People

The climax of our worship with God is sitting at a Table with Him. We come to the Table full of thankfulness and joy because of His grace. God has moved us from death to life, from darkness to light, and from separation to communion.

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

The LORD Sends Us Out Into The World

God does not save us simply from something. He saves us to something ... to be His messengers of redemption to a lost and fallen world. He sends us out redeemed, loved, and with a purpose. We are called to bear witness to what He is doing in our lives where we live, work, and play. Praise be to God!

†Benediction

Based on Ephesians 1:19-21

As you go from here, remember this: The same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead and placed all things under his authority—this same power is at work within you and in all who believe. Praise God!

Christ has died!

Christ has risen!

Christ will come again!

†Benediction hymn

Gloria Patria

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost.**

As it was in the beginning,

Is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today is the last day for Sunday School classes. We will resume in the fall.

IDEA'S BOX: You will notice on the small round table in the back of the sanctuary is a box for the purpose of writing ideas you would like to see happen at Cypress Ridge. Please put on your thinking caps and let the ideas flow. Write them down (as many as you want) and PLEASE SIGN YOUR NAME ON EACH ONE.

WOMENS'S BIBLE STUDY: This will be the last week for the Women's Bible Study Groups until the fall.

MEMORIAL DAY: Monday, May 25, the office will be closed for the Memorial Day Holiday.

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR TOM LUCHENBILL: The installation of Pastor Tom will be held during the worship service Sunday, May 31. Pastor Tom and Sandy Luchenbill's son Pastor Matthew Luchenbill will participate in the service. There will be a reception following.

VBS: The King is Coming! Dates/time for this years VBS are July 6-10 from 6-8 pm. VBS is for children 4 yrs. – 5th grade

SNACK & CHAT: Please sign up on the table in the Fellowship Area if you are interested in serving our congregation in this way.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Operating Fund thru 05/10/15	Last Week	Y-T-D
Targeted Budget for 2015	5,135	97,558
Tithes & Offerings	5,820	96,524

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Sunday	Sunday School9:15 am Worship.....10:30 am College and Career (Luchenbill's)..... 7:00 pm
Monday	Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm
Tuesday	Women's Bible Study9:30 am
Wednesday	The Boathouse 6:15 pm
Thursday	Session 7:30 pm
Friday	
Saturday	Men's Sunrise Bible Study7:00 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

INSTALLATION SERVICE & RECEPTION FOR TOM: MAY 31

VBS DATES: JULY 6-10

PRAYER AND PRAISE UPDATES

Prayer –

- That Clyde Heath gets an appointment at Moffitt soon.
- That Fran Henry (Linda Paris' mother) has complete healing

Praise –

- That everything went well at Presbytery.

MAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month: Don Paris

Usher of the Month: Leopold Jean-Bart

Ushers: Ken Harrison
Stephen Roe
Bill Kelder
Johnny Brown

Greeters: 17 - Tom & Dee Floyd
24 - Frank & Terry Kockler
31 - Franz & Violene Genisse

Nursery: 17 - Preschool: Sheryl Bachelder
Infant: Renae Anderson
24 - Preschool: Ginger Andersen
Infant: Betty Jones
31 - Preschool: Linda Paris
Infant: Kim Schmucker

Snacks: 17 - Jon & Betty Parmerter
24 - Frank & Terry Kockler
31 - Pastor Tom's installation reception

Communion: Charles & Shirley Burkett

Counters: 17 - Ken Harrison & Charles Burkett
24 - Mike Sakko & Jon Parmerter
31 - Mike Sakko & Jon Parmerter

Birthdays

5/25 Wayne Andersen
5/28 Karen Othoson
5/30 Jim Andersen
5/30 Melissia Pletcher

Anniversaries

5/21 Leopold & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

JUNE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month: Jim Andersen

Usher of the Month: Mike Sakko

Ushers: Bruce Hansen
Terry Schmucker
Frank Kockler
Alan Jostes

Greeters: 7 - Destin & Cathy LeBlanc
14 - Wayne & Renae Anderson
21 - Charles & Shirley Burkett
28 - Ginger Andersen & Betty Jones

Nursery: 7 - Preschool: Ginger Andersen
Infant: Jaye Hansen
14 - Preschool: Kara Jostes
Infant: Renae Anderson
21 - Preschool: David Holdener
Infant: Amber Smith ?
28 - Preschool: Ginger Andersen
Infant: Betty Jones

Snacks: 7 - TBD
 14 - TBD
 21 - TBD
 28 - José & Mizza Del Valle

Communion: Frank & Terry Kockler

Counters: 7 - Ken Harrison & Mike Sakko
 14 - Ken Harrison & Mike Sakko
 21 - Charles Burkett & Jon Parmerter
 28 - Charles Burkett & Jon Parmerter

Birthdays

6/3 Carolyn Holdener
6/8 Jeanne McKechnie
6/9 Tom Luchenbill
6/19 Don Copeland
6/23 Betty Young
6/26 Carla Howell

Anniversaries

6/3 David & Susie Reyes
6/5 Michael & Sherry Sakko
6/11 Joe & Brenda Howell
6/16 Bud & Karen Othoson
6/19 Lee & Brenda Donnell
6/19 Josh & Carla Howell
6/23 Steve & Ellen Thornton
6/26 Bill & Edna Kelder
6/30 Buck & Mary Jones

WEEKLY COMMUNION WORSHIP

At Cypress Ridge we believe that the Lord ministers to us in both the hearing of the Word (what we call the ‘sermon’) and the visible Word (what we call ‘communion’ or ‘The Lord’s Table’).

The **Lord’s Supper** is observed every Sunday as the climax of worship at Cypress Ridge. As we partake of this meal we are reminded of Jesus Christ’s presence with us, his words to do this often in remembrance of him, and as a statement of our faith and trust in him alone for our salvation.

CHURCH SEASON: EASTERTIDE

Eastertide is the period of fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. The Good News of Easter cannot be contained in a single day’s celebration. Eastertide is called by some, the “Great Fifty Days” that lead up to Pentecost. This season is designed for extended celebration of the resurrection, for exploring the ramifications of Easter for the redemption of all creation, and for joyful Christian living.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL READINGS

Day	Psalm	OT	NT
Mon.	56	Gen. 38:1-19	Acts 10:34-48
Tues.	57	Gen. 38:20-30	Acts 11:1-18
Wed.	58	Gen. 39	Acts 11:19-30
Thurs.	59	Gen. 40:1-24	Acts 12:1-17
Fri.	60	Gen. 40:25-36	Acts 12:18-25
Sat.	61	Gen. 40:37-57	Acts 13:1-12

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Sunday School @ 9:15 am

Corporate Worship @ 10:30 am

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