



Cypress Ridge PCA
March 19th, 2017

WELCOME

We are glad you chose to worship with us today. It is our hope that today's service will be a fresh encounter with God's love and grace. This folder will guide you as we worship together.

OUR PURPOSE

Cypress Ridge PCA exists to be a God centered, worshipping community that disciples God's people and extends God's kingdom.

CRPC is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America:

www.pcanet.org

VISITOR/PRAAYER REQUEST CARD

Visitors: We would like to get to know you. Therefore, we ask that you please fill out the Visitor Card and place it in the offering plate. If you'd like additional information about CRPC, we encourage you to look at our website for further information. Website is: www.cypressridge-pca.org.

Prayer Requests: After recording your prayer requests, please place the card in the offering plate.

CHILDREN

We offer numerous options for children during worship:

- Children are welcome to remain in the Sanctuary for the entire service. (Approximately one hour and 15 minutes.)
- There is a nursery and pre-school room. The nursery is for infants through 1 year olds. The pre-school room is for 2-3 year olds.
- Children's Prayer: Children of all ages will be invited to come forward for prayer during our worship service. After the prayer, children may return to their seats or go to Children's Worship.
- Children's Worship is offered for those from age 4 through 3rd grade. Children return to the Sanctuary before Communion.
- There is a cry room at the back of the Sanctuary where parents can take their child(ren) during the service.

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THE LORD GATHERS THE NATIONS

We believe that the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – calls the world to worship Him. As a Christian community, we gather together on the first day of each week to worship Him as we are led by the Spirit. As we worship, we bring our praise and our concerns, our joys and our sorrows, our hopes and our troubles.

Prelude

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**Please silence your electronic devices*

Announcements

Reflection on Worship

*Faith sees the invisible, believes the unbelievable,
and receives the impossible.
– Corrie Ten Boom*

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:1-3, 21

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Response: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Leader: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

Response: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Authors, Brenton Brown, Francis Castañeda, Mario Ríos, Mark Young & Paul Baloche

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You; we turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You; we long for You
'Cause when we see You; we find strength to face the day
In Your Presence all our fears are washed away; washed away

Hosanna, Hosanna

You are the God Who saves us; worthy of all our praises

Hosanna, Hosanna

Come have Your way among us; we welcome You here, Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You; we turn to You
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new; you make us new
'Cause when we see You; we find strength to face the day
In Your Presence all our fears are washed away; washed away

Chorus

Your Grace is Enough

Words & Music, Matt Maher

Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters and to mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

*So remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise, O God*

*Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me*

Great is Your love and justice God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Chorus

Make Me a Servant

Written by Kelly Willard

Make me a servant, humble and meek
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak
And may the pray'r of my heart always be
Make me a servant, make me a servant
Make me a servant today

Prayer for Children

[Children ages 4 through 3rd grade may leave for Children's Worship]

THE LORD REVEALS HIMSELF TO THE WORLD

God calls the nations to follow him primarily through the reading and exposition of His inspired, infallible, and inerrant word as contained in the Old and New Testaments.

We believe that the Scriptures teach what man is to believe concerning God and what duty God requires of man.

Sermon Text (Pew Bible p. 837)

Mark 2:1-12

¹ And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ² And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them.

³ And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. ⁴ And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷ "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

⁸ And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'? ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"-- he said to the paralytic-- ¹¹ "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home."

¹² And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

Sermon

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

You Alone Can Rescue

Authors, Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman

Who, O Lord, could save themselves; their own soul could heal
Our shame was deeper than the sea; Your grace is deeper still

*You alone can rescue, You alone can save
You alone can lift us from the grave
You came down to find us, led us out of death
To You alone belongs the highest praise*

You, O Lord, have made a way; the great divide You healed
For when our hearts were far away, Your love went further still
Yes, Your love goes further still

Chorus

We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes
You're the giver of life (3x)

*You alone can rescue, You alone can save
You alone can lift us from the grave
You came down to find us, led us out of death
To You alone belongs the highest praise
To You alone belongs the highest praise*

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.

Confession of Sin

Hosea 14:1

Leader: Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity.

Let us confess our sins to our faithful Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Unison: Lord, you alone can rescue us from our sins. We confess that too often we have unobservant hearts, not seeing or taking opportunities to share your gospel of love to those around us. Would you make us hungry for your Word that would, in turn, motivate us to tell others about you? Change our hearts to not live complacently, but to be committed in finding new ways to serve you and those you have put on our path. Lord, strengthen our faith through the power of your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name. Amen

[Silent Confession]

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:1-2

Leader: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Unison: Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

THE LORD PROVIDES OUR DAILY BREAD

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.

Offertory Scripture

Psalm 96:8

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!

The ushers will now come forward to receive our tithes and offerings.

Offering

THE LORD CALLS US TO PRAY

*God calls us to pray. Through prayer we seek His good and perfect will. Our prayer time includes praying for our **March Mission of the Month: The Mission.** The Mission is a non-profit serving the Winter Haven community. Their number one priority is to share the good news of Jesus Christ. They desire to give those in need a hand up, not a hand out.*

Congregational Prayer

James 1:5-6

Leader: If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

[We now offer our individual prayers of thanksgiving and intercession]

Elder Prayer

Elder Don Paris

I Will Glory in My Redeemer

Music and words by Steve & Vikki Cook

I will glory in my Redeemer
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails
and hung Him on that judgment tree
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who crushed the power of sin and death
My only Savior before the Holy Judge
The Lamb who is my righteousness x 2

I will glory in my Redeemer
My life He bought, my love He owns
I have no longings for another
I'm satisfied in Him alone
I will glory in my Redeemer
His faithfulness my standing place
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me
My feet are firm, held by His grace x 2

I will glory in my Redeemer
who carries me on eagle's wings
He crowns my life with loving kindness
His triumph song I'll ever sing
I will glory in my Redeemer
who waits for me at gates of gold
And when He calls me it will be paradise
His face forever to behold x 3

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH HIS PEOPLE

The climax of our worship is sitting at the Table with the Lord. We come to the Table full of thankfulness and joy because of His grace. As the perfect Lamb of God, Jesus' sacrifice reconciled us to the Father so that we are in a right relationship with him.

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

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Unison Response:

Christ has died!
Christ has risen!
Christ will come again!!!

Choral Response

Tri-fold Amen

CRPC FAMILY EVENTS

TODAY ...

- **Sunday School** for all ages @ 9:15 am
- **Fellowship and Snacks** follow our worship service
- **Easter Choir** practice @ 5:30 pm
- **College & Career** at the Luchenbill's @ 7 pm

THIS WEEK ...

- **Monday Evening: Women's Bible Study @ 7 pm**
- **Tuesday Morning: Women's Bible Study @ 9:30 am**
- **Worship Team Rehearsal @ 5 pm**
- **Wednesday Evening: Friends & Fellowship** *cancelled for spring break...will resume for Game Night on 3/29/17!*
- **Wednesday Evening: The Boathouse @ 6 pm.** The Boathouse is for youth from 7-12th grades. Fun! Food! Fellowship!
- **Wednesday Evening: Major Worldviews @ 6:45 pm**
- **Saturday Morning: Men's Sunrise Bible Study @ 7 am**
- **Saturday Morning: Men's Bible Study at Brookdale @ 8 am**

ON THE HORIZON ...

- **Mission Basket** - We will be collecting items to support The Mission next Sunday. The collection basket will be at the back of the sanctuary.

Monthly Items Needed:

Crackers	Boxed Cereals	Mashed Potatoes
Pasta	Canned meats	Mac & Cheese
Shampoo	Chef Boyardee	Peanut Butter & Jelly
Toothpaste/brush	Deodorant	Razors

- **Membership/Inquirers Class** – The next class will be on Sunday, March 26th. Lunch will be provided.
- **Empowered to Connect Conference Simulcast**– Hosted at Cypress Ridge on April 7-8th. To find out more information and to register, visit:
<https://empoweredtoconnectatcypressridge.eventbrite.com>
- **Easter Eggztravaganza** – April 15th from 9:30-11 am
- **Piano Concert** – By returning guest and musician, Jonathan Reed. April 30th @ 4pm
- **Vacation Bible School** – June 12-16th from 9 am - 12 pm

FYI ...

- **Congratulations** – to Paul & Melissia Pletcher on the birth of their granddaughter, Lea Marie Pletcher. She was born on 3/15/17.
- **Volunteers Needed** – Do you drive a car? Some of our seniors need friendly drivers to pick them up for church on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please talk to one of our deacons: Leopold Jean-Bart, Charles Burkett, and/or David Holdener.

- **Live Streaming** – If you can't join us in person on Sunday mornings, you can still worship with us via live streaming! If you have any questions, see Anna in the church office.
- **Nomination of Officers** – will start during the month of April. Please see pgs. 17-18 in the bulletin for more details.
- **Stay Connected** – If you would like to be added to the church email blast or phone tree, please contact Anna at the church office.
- **Visitor/Prayer Request Card** – If you are a visitor, please fill out the card under the seat in front of you and place it in the offering plate. Any prayer requests may also be put on this card.
- **Daily Devotionals** – Tabletalk magazine and Our Daily Bread booklets are available. Our Daily Bread is now provided in regular and large print edition.
- **Hospitality Ministry** – A great way to serve at CRPC is by providing snacks on Sunday morning. You may sign-up as a family, with a friend, individually or with someone you'd like to get to know better. The sign-up sheet is at the coffee bar.
- **God's provision from March 12:**

General Fund Giving:	\$5,457
YTD to General Fund:	\$61,399
YTD Budgeted Needs:	\$60,772

THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

MARCH 2017 MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month: Don Paris

Deacon/Usher of the Month: David Holdener

Ushers: Bob Baker, Paul Pletcher, Frank Kockler, Frantz Genisse

Greeters: 19 - Bill & Edna Kelder
26 - Wayne & Renae Anderson

Nursery: 19 - Ginger Andersen & Lori/Baileigh
26 - Patty Smith & Lori/Baileigh

Children's 19 - Jon Parmerter & Renae Anderson
Worship 26 - Jessica Holdener & Violene Genisse

Snacks: 19 - Patty Smith & Mimi Razor
26 - Don & Linda Paris

Counters: 19 - Charles Burkett & Jon Parmerter
26 - Charles Burkett & Jon Parmerter

Communion: Charles & Shirley Burkett

Birthdays

3/22 Patty Smith
3/23 Kimberly Reyes
3/26 Mary Jones
3/27 Pam Cherkis
3/29 Leon Anderson

Anniversaries

3/22 Tom & Lynne Knisley

APRIL 2017 MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month: David Reyes

Deacon/Usher of the Month: Leopold Jean-Bart

Ushers: Don Copeland, Johnnie Brown, Destin LeBlanc, Tim Holdener

Greeters: 2 - Don & Linda Paris
 9 - Joe & Vicki Johnston
 16 - Frantz & Violene Genisse
 23 - Philip & Jeanie Baier
 30 - Mike & Sherry Sakko

Nursery: 2 - TBD & Lori/Baileigh
 9 - TBD & Lori/Baileigh
 16 - TBD & Lori/Baileigh
 23 - TBD & Lori/Baileigh
 30 - TBD & Lori/Baileigh

Children's 2 - Mary Jones & Swan Lee
Worship 9 - Anna Bacheldor & Karyne Jean-Bart
 16 - Jon Parmerter & Renae Anderson
 23 - Lynne Knisley & Faviola Genisse
 30 - Jeremy Reyes & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

Snacks: 2 - Judy McGuire
 9 - Bruce & Linda Engstrom
 16 - TBD
 23 - Gabrielle Jean-Bart
 30 - Kim Schmucker

Counters: 2 - Mike Sakko & Ken Harrison
 9 - Mike Sakko & Ken Harrison
 16 - Charles Burkett & Jon Parmerter
 23 - Charles Burkett & Jon Parmerter
 30 - Charles Burkett & Jon Parmerter

Communion: Don & Roxanne Copeland

Birthdays

4/2 Albert Luchenbill
4/4 Bob McKee
4/5 Esther Mendez
4/6 Angela Jennings
4/9 Jim Fuday
4/11 Ellen Thornton
4/11 Frank Kockler
4/13 Swan Lee
4/15 David Luchenbill
4/22 Dale Shafer
4/23 Paul Pletcher
4/26 Cindy Luchenbill
4/26 David Smith
4/30 José Del Valle

Anniversaries

4/1 Terry & Kim Schmucker
4/16 Wayne & Jackie Wheeler
4/30 Matthew & Angela Jennings

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS

We believe the New Testament establishes two offices for the church: Elders (also called overseers or bishops) and deacons. The church is lead through the officers it elects as they seek to follow the Lord in all things. Therefore, nominating and electing men that are qualified and “called” to these offices is a very important duty of the congregation.

Below is the method for nominating/electing officers at CRPC:

First, the Session opens nominations. Our Session is asking CRPC’s *members* to begin prayerfully reading scriptures pertaining to the offices of Elder and Deacon. The following scriptures are helpful: 1 Timothy 3:1-13, Titus 1:5-9, 1 Peter 5:1-5, Acts 6:1-7.

Second, during the month of April, CRPC’s *members* are to approach men whom they believe meet the biblical qualifications to serve in one of the offices and seek their approval to nominate them. If the man (men) agrees, submit the Nominee Form to the Pastor, a Session Member, or a Diaconate member *with* the candidates’ signature.

Third, the names are presented to the Session. They will interview each candidate to determine readiness of the candidate to begin the training process. The training process includes teaching and training approved candidates in areas such as theology, evangelism, and congregational care.

Fourth, after the teaching and training is completed, the elders will examine candidates for readiness to serve according the PCA’s BOCO. Those ready to serve will be presented to the congregation. In November, the congregation votes on a motion to elect new officers.

1 Timothy 3:1-13:

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer (elder), he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

Titus 1:5-9

This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you – if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

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