



He remembers his covenant forever,  
the word that he commanded,  
for a thousand generations,  
the covenant that he made with Abraham.

Psalm 105:8-9a

## **Cypress Ridge PCA**

April 11, 2021

**Join our 10:30 am Worship Service  
at CRPC or Livestream!**

*[cypressridge-pca.org](http://cypressridge-pca.org)*

### **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 handout will guide you as we worship together.

### **OUR PURPOSE**

Cypress Ridge PCA exists to **Exalt** God's Glory, **Equip** God's People, & **Extend** God's Kingdom.

CRPC is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America: [www.pcanet.org](http://www.pcanet.org)

### **VISITOR/PRAYER REQUEST**

Please send all new information and prayer requests to [info@cypressridge-pca.org](mailto:info@cypressridge-pca.org)

**About the Cover:** image made on canva.com.

**Scripture:** All Scripture used in the service is from the ESV translation, unless otherwise noted.

## 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.*

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### **Prelude**

*\*Please silence your electronic devices*

### **Announcements**

### **Reflection on Worship**

*God does not give us everything we want, but He does fulfill His promises,  
leading us along the best and straightest paths to Himself.*

*- Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

### **Call to Worship**

2 Samuel 22:2-4a, 47

**Leader:** The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior ...

I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised. ...

The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be my God, the rock of my salvation.

### **All Creatures of Our God and King**

*St. Francis of Assisi; Geistliche Kirchengesange, Cologne, 1623. UBP CCLI #3038781*

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Oh, praise Him, Alleluia  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam  
Oh, praise Him, Oh, praise Him  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
Oh, praise Him, Alleluia  
Praise, praise the Father praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One  
Oh, praise Him, Oh, praise Him  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

## How Firm A Foundation

Arr. © Community Worship Music. UBP CCLI #3038781

How firm a foundation; ye saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word  
What more can He say than to you He hath said  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to its foes  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake  
I'll never, no, never, no never forsake

## Our God

Composers: Jonas Myrin, M. Redman, J. Reeves, & C. Tomlin. UBP CCLI #3038781

Water you turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind  
There's no one like You, none like You

Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You, none like You

*Our God is greater, our God is stronger  
God You are higher than any other  
Our God is healer, awesome in power our God, our God*

Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You, none like You

### Chorus

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us  
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against  
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### Chorus

## Monthly Memory Verse

*Isaiah 7:9b*

If you are not firm in faith, you will not be firm at all.

## Prayer for Children

[Children's Worship is available for children 4 years to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade]

## **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.*

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**Sermon**

Guest, Tony Elswick

*Luke 23:44-49; Genesis 15:7-8; 9-12; 17-18 (ESV)*

Pew Bible p. 884; 10

Large Print Bible p. 1103; 13

## **A Mighty Fortress is Our God**

*Words and Music by Martin Luther, 1529. UBP CCLI #3038781*

A mighty fortress is our God; a bulwark never failing  
Our helper He amid the flood; of mortal ills prevailing  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe  
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate  
On earth is not his equal

That word above all earthly powers; no thanks to them, abideth  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours; thru Him Who with us sideth  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still  
His kingdom is forever

## **Blessed Assurance**

*Text by Fanny J. Crosby. Music by Phoebe P. Knapp. UBP CCLI #3038781*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

*This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long*

Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and blest  
Watching and waiting, looking above  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love

*Chorus*

## THE LORD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO PRAY

*Throughout Scripture, God's people are called to pray through adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication. As we come to the Lord in prayer, we are placing our dependence and trust in the One who forgives, who cares, and who strengthens.*

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### Confessional & Congregational Prayer

Isaiah 45:22

**Leader:** Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

*The following prayer may be used as an example.*

*Father, I confess that I don't always know where You are taking me and that I often try to go my own way instead. ... I know You cannot do anything that is contrary to Your goodness and that You cannot lie. All that You have promised, You will surely fulfill in Your time, in Your way and in Your power. Teach me to take the risks of radical obedience and ruthless trust so that I will honor and please You. ... Teach me in my thoughts, words and deeds that trust is a choice. Amen.*

[adapted from Turner, John Alan. *The 52 Greatest Stories of the Bible: a Weekly Devotional*, by Kenneth Boa, Baker Books, 2016, p. 38.]

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### Prayers for Missionaries and the Congregation



- *Missionaries of the Month: Tony & Amber Elswick, see page 10.*
  - Receiving treatments for cancer: Barbara Smith & Susie Fuday
  - Health Issues: Brenda Donnell, Bill Roldan, Paul Smith, Bobbie Razor, Bruce Engstrom, Muriel Baker, and Larry & Pat Moss.
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## 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.*

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### Offertory Scripture

1 Chronicles 16:29

**Leader:** Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

## **Jesus, Your Name**

*Words & Music by Keith & Kristyn Getty and Ian Hannah. UBP CCLI #3038781*

Jesus, Your name, Prince of Peace  
Quiets my soul, treasures the least  
In perfect rest You will keep all whose hope is in You  
Jesus, Your name can silence the storms  
The strivings that trouble our world  
Jesus, Your name reveals You as Lord  
Oh, powerful name

Jesus, Your name, Mighty God  
All Pow'rful One, ruling in love  
There is a King upon the throne earth cannot overthrow  
Jesus, Your name great banner of hope  
Steadies the knees of the weak  
Jesus, the name all nations will praise  
Oh, glorious name

## 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.*

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### **Distribution of the Bread and Cup**

*Bread: Gluten free bread is located in the cups within the basket.*

*Cup: The outer ring is grape juice, the inner rings are wine.*

## 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!*

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### **Benediction**

adapted from Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

### **Unison Response:**

Christ has died!

Christ has risen!

Christ will come again!!!

### **Choral Response**

*Tri-fold Amen*

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# CRPC FAMILY EVENTS

## TODAY ...

- **Adult Sunday School:** @ 9:15 am. Elder Bob Wood will be teaching on the topic, “Seeing Jesus”. Social Distancing will be observed. Please wear a mask when entering and leaving the classroom.
- **Worship Service at CRPC & Livestream:** 10:30 am
  - Each service is recorded and will be available to watch following the service on YouTube.

## THIS WEEK ...

- **Monday Afternoon:** Girls’ D-Group at 4 pm.
- **Tuesday Morning:** Women’s Morning Bible Study via Zoom at 9:30 am. Contact Swan Lee at (863) 214-6632 for more details.
- **Saturday Morning:** Men’s Sunrise Bible Study at 7 am.

## BIBLE READING THIS HOLY WEEK ...

*As you read, ask these questions:*

*1) What does this teach me about God? 2) What does this teach me about how I should live?*

	<b><u>Bible Reading</u></b>	<b><u>Cross References</u></b>
<b>Monday</b>	Acts 15:12-41	Amos 9:11-12; 1 Cor. 6:18-20; 1 Cor. 8
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 16	2 Timothy 1:1-7; 1 Thes. 2:1-2; Psalm 119:61-62
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 17	1 Thes. 2:13-16; Psalm 50:7-15; Job 12:7-10
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 18	Ezekiel 33:1-7; Joshua 1:5-7; James 4:13-15
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 19:1-20	John 1:6-13; James 2:18-19

## FYI ...

- **God’s provision through March 2021:**
  - March General Fund Giving: \$25,014
  - YTD March GF Giving: \$88,252
  - YTD March Exp. Paid: \$77,851
  - YTD Budget: \$83,551
- **LifeChoice Pregnancy Center:**
  - If you would like to attend LifeChoice’s annual fundraiser banquet, there are two options this year: in-person & virtual. You can register for either choice by visiting [lifechoicewh.com/events](http://lifechoicewh.com/events) or by calling 863-289-5117.
    - In-person: Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Heartland Church. Dessert Bar at 6:30 pm, Program at 7 pm. RSVP by April 15<sup>th</sup>.
    - Virtual: Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm, or email Sara Chase at [lifechoicesara@gmail.com](mailto:lifechoicesara@gmail.com) to view at a later date.
- **Kidz Zoom Night:** Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Pick up an activity bag on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

## THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE ...

*April Usher of the Month:* Terry Schmucker

*April Ushers:* Larry Vander Zee & Art Gilkey

*April Communion Preparation:* Ginger Andersen & Betty Jones

*April Nursery:*

11 - Kay Smith & Lori Brousseau

*April Children's Church:*

11 - Anna Bacheldor & Gabrielle Jean-Bart

18 - Zulema Miguele & Dulce Roldan

25 - Ginger Andersen & TBD

### **This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- 4/11 - Ellen Thornton (Birthday)
- 4/13 - Swan Lee (Birthday)
- 4/13 - Lailah Sanders (Birthday)
- 4/15 - David Luchenbill (Birthday)
- 4/15 - Shawn Provencher (Birthday)
- 4/16 - Wayne & Jackie Wheeler (Anniversary)
- 4/17 - Brooke Viles (Birthday)



***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise Him, all creatures here below;***

***Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;***

***Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.***

***Amen.***

# **ABOUT THE ELSWICKS**

**Meet our Missionaries of the Month: Tony & Amber Elswick!**

## **Where do the Elswicks serve?**

*Tony & Amber, along with their four daughters, serve as missionaries in Panama, Central America.*

## **What kind of work do the Elswicks do as missionaries?**

*The Elswick's main ministry is in training local pastors and church leaders so that they can minister to their own communities. One of the locations they are serving is in La Reserva, Panama, which is a community in the Darien Jungle. This community has not had a local church or pastor in 30 years! The Elswicks are also training leaders in Panama City, Panama while working alongside a local church plant in the heart of the city.*

*Before they moved to Panama, the Elswicks served as missionaries in Nicaragua. They continue to have study groups in the greater Managua, Nicaragua area.*

## **Which mission organization are the Elswicks serving through?**

*The Elswick's serve through Mission to the World (MTW). MTW is the global missions-sending agency of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). To learn more about MTW, visit: [mtw.org](http://mtw.org).*

## **How can you follow the Elswick's missionary journey?**

*To follow the Elswick's missionary journey, visit: [teamelswick.com](http://teamelswick.com)*

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