

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, MARCH 17

6th-8th graders, join us for fellowship and study tonight at the Okies' from 6:00 to 7:30. Bring your Bible and see the Weekly Update to bring a snack to share!

NO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, MARCH 24

We will not have Sunday School classes on March 24th due to Children's Choir and Bells practice and performance.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Join us on **Sunday, 3/24, at 9 am in the Conference Room** to pray for a variety of things big and small.

NEXT LORD'S TABLE SERVED, MARCH 24

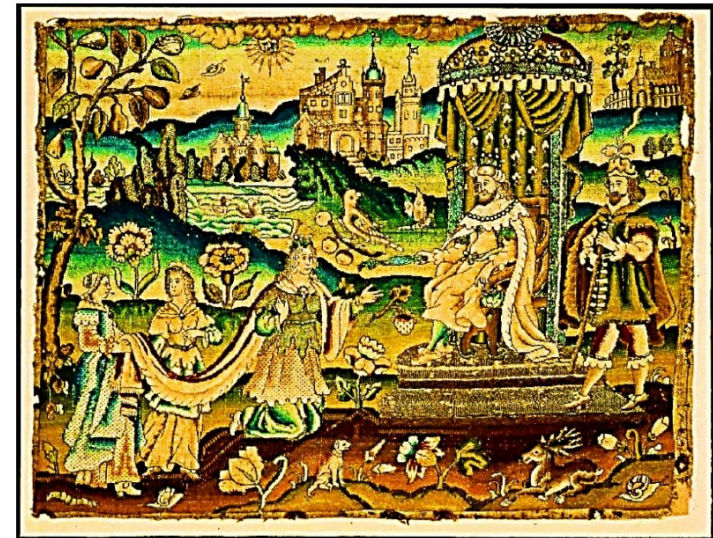
Come to worship with your heart and mind prepared to celebrate the sacrament of communion.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, MARCH 29

Join us at KCC on **Friday, 3/29, at 6:30 pm** for our Good Friday Service. No childcare provided.

NO CHILDREN MINISTRY CLASSES ON SUNDAY, MARCH 31

We will not have childcare on Easter so our volunteers will have the opportunity to attend worship with their families. Join us at 10:30 for our worship service as we celebrate Easter.



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OUR VISION:
TO SEE THE GOSPEL CHANGE HEARTS, LIVES, AND COMMUNITY
BY MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES IN NORTHWEST ATLANTA AND BEYOND
CHANGED HEARTS, CHANGED LIVES, CHANGED COMMUNITY

OUR *Worship* CELEBRATION
March 17, 2024

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 15**

~God's invitation for us to engage in worship in the Holy Spirit

***Weekly Congregational Response**

~Our humble response to God's call to worship

***Prayer of Invocation**

~The giving of thanks for God's promised presence and work among us

***Song of Preparation and Praise - Psalm 27 (One Thing)**

~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - John 17:20-26**

~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Songs of Comfort - All Glory Be To Christ**

Pensive, Doubting, Fearful Heart

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

**Pastoral Prayer - Jim And Shari Whittle, ELI India and
Grace Church, Canton**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

**Sermon - Mourning Turned Into Joy and Joy Turned Into Mourning: God's
Providential Elevation of Mordecai and Haman's Predictable Fall
Esther 6:1-13**

***Song of Response - O Love That Will Not Let Me Go**

~Our commitment to apply God's Word in and through our lives

***Announcements**

~Weekly opportunities to live out the Word read, confessed, prayed, sung, and preached

***Benediction - 1 Corinthians 15:53-58**

~God's parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Stand**

*Giving boxes are located on the table inside the sanctuary by the doors and
the welcome table in the lobby.*

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer fuller be.

O Light, that follow'st all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day,
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy, that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross, that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground
There blossoms red,
Life that shall endless be.

Response
SONG OF

“MOURNING TURNED INTO JOY AND JOY TURNED INTO
MOURNING: GOD’S PROVIDENTIAL ELEVATION OF
MORDECAI AND HAMAN’S PREDICTABLE FALL”

ESTHER 6:1-13

CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: God the Father has turned our mourning due to sin into eternal joy by crowning us with honor and glory in Christ.

Introduction:

Q: *Have you ever experienced a reversal of fortune of some kind?*

Esther 6:1-13: Sleepless in Susa: God’s Providence at Work in the Reversals of Fortunes:

“In the story of Esther God was using the ordinary events of life to realize his covenant promises to his people. He used even seemingly insignificant events, such as the king’s sleepless night, and the decisions of less-than-perfect people to fulfill nevertheless the promises of his ancient covenant....The ordinary and the miraculous intersect in Jesus Christ. Because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our destiny has been reversed from death to life against all expectation. The cross of Jesus Christ is the pivot point of the great reversal of history, where our sorrow has been turned to joy.”

Karen H. Jobes, *Esther: The NIV Application Commentary*

Q: *How has God the Father turned your mourning due to sin into eternal joy by crowning you with honor and glory in Christ? How does knowing this affect how you live each day?*

Application:

Esther 6:1-13 teaches us that:

-God the Father has turned our mourning due to sin into eternal joy by crowning us with honor and glory in Christ.

Benediction: *1 Corinthians 15:53-58*

CALL TO Worship

- ¹ O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent?
Who shall dwell on your holy hill?
- ² He who walks blamelessly and does
what is right and speaks truth in his
heart;
- ³ who does not slander with his tongue
and does no evil to his neighbor,
nor takes up a reproach against his
friend;
- ⁴ in whose eyes a vile person is despised,
but who honors those who fear the
Lord; who swears to his own hurt and
does not change;
- ⁵ who does not put out his money at
interest and does not take a bribe
against the innocent.
He who does these things shall never
be moved.

Psalm 15

⁸To you, O Lord, I cry,
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:
⁹“What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?
¹⁰Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me!
O Lord, be my helper!”
¹¹You have turned for me my mourning into
dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth
and clothed me with gladness,
¹²that my glory may sing your praise and not
be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

Psalm 30:8-12

Pensive, Doubting, Fearful Heart

Pensive, doubting, fearful heart,
Hear what Christ the Savior says;
Every word should joy impart,
Change thy mourning into praise.
Yes, He speaks and speaks to thee,
May He help thee to believe;
Then thou presently will see
Thou has little cause to grieve.

Fear thou not, nor be ashamed;
All thy sorrows soon shall end,
I, who heaven and
Earth have framed,
Am thy Husband and thy Friend;
I the High and Holy One,
Israel's God, by all adored,
As thy Savior will be known,
Thy Redeemer and thy Lord.

For a moment I withdrew,
And thy heart was filled with pain;
But my mercies I'll renew;
Thou shall soon rejoice again;
Though I seem to hide my face,
Very soon my wrath shall cease;
Tis but for a moment's space,
Ending in eternal peace.

Though afflicted, tempest tossed,
Comfortless awhile thou art,
Do not think thou can be lost,
Thou art graven on my heart;
All thy wastes I will repair;
Thou shalt be rebuilt anew;
And in thee it shall appear
What the God of love can do.

All Glory Be to Christ

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ!

*All glory be to Christ our King!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!*

His will be done
His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ!
(Chorus)

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e're his people be
All glory be to Christ!
(Chorus)

SONG OF
Comfort

Psalm 27 (One Thing)

The Lord is my light
And my salvation
In whom shall I fear
Whom shall I fear
The Lord is my strength
The stronghold of my life
In whom shall I fear
Whom shall I fear

*And you said, "Seek my face."
Your face, oh, God I seek
One thing I ask
And I will seek
To dwell in the house of the Lord
All my days
To gaze upon your beauty
Worship at your feet
Oh, one thing I seek*

Holy fire
Abba Father
My Redeemer
My Delight
Holy, Holy
God Almighty
You're the one thing
That I desire

SONG OF
Praise

Confession OF SIN

Gracious and Merciful Father,

We come before you to confess our sin as Your redeemed and beloved children. May Your Spirit alone convict us of our sin and remind us of our pardon in Christ through repentance.

(Take a moment to silently confess.)

We confess that we fail to live as those whose mourning due to sin has been changed into eternal joy by being crowned with honor and glory in Christ (**Esther 6:1-13**).

We confess these things before You because You are faithful to forgive us in Christ.

Bless us with the assurance of our pardon by Your Holy Spirit in Christ alone, by faith alone, through Your grace alone, from Your Word.

Amen.

Assurance OF PARDON

²⁰ “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

John 17:20-26

(Leader) - And based on the gift of this assurance of pardon to us, God’s people, we all can’t help but say,

(Congregation) - Amen!