

# STAY *Connected* AT CCC

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, MARCH 10

9th-12th graders, join us for fellowship and study tonight at the **Starts' from 5:30 to 7:30**. Be sure to bring your own dinner! See the Weekly Update to sign up to bring a dessert to share.

## 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.

## BUILDING FUND UPDATE

As of **3/3, we have \$258,056** in this fund. Thank you for your generosity! Please contribute by marking your gift "Building Fund."



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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 10, 2024

**Prelude**

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship - Psalm 21:8-13**

~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 - *Praise to the Lord, The Almighty***

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

**\*Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Matthew 26:1-5**

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

**\*Congregational Response: Amen!**

**\*Song of Comfort - *Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners***

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

**Pastoral Prayer - Mwamba & Nyema Johnson, Vision Collegiate Ministries  
and Grace Presbyterian Church, Douglasville**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

**Sermon - The Self-Destruction of Foolish Pride**

Esther 5:9-14

**Preparation of the Table**

**Partaking of the Table**

~Practiced on a regular basis to make the Word visible.

**\*Doxology**

**\*Song of Response - *My Worth is Not in What I Own***

~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.*

***My Worth Is Not in What I Own***

My worth is not in what I own  
Not in the strength of flesh and bone  
But in the costly wounds of love...  
At the cross

My worth is not in skill or name  
In win or lose, in pride or shame  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed...  
At the cross

*And I rejoice in my Redeemer  
Greatest Treasure,  
Wellspring of my soul  
And I will trust in Him, no other.  
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

As summer flowers we fade and die  
Fame, youth, and beauty hurry by  
But life eternal calls to us...  
At the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might  
Or human wisdom's fleeting light  
But I will boast in knowing Christ...  
At the cross  
(Chorus)

Two wonders here that I confess  
My worth and my unworthiness  
My value fixed - my ransom paid...  
At the cross  
(Chorus)

*Response*  
SONG OF

# Doxology

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Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Amen

# CALL TO Worship

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- <sup>8</sup> Your hand will find out all your enemies;  
your right hand will find out those who  
hate you.
- <sup>9</sup> You will make them as a blazing oven  
when you appear.  
The Lord will swallow them up in  
his wrath, and fire will consume them.
- <sup>10</sup> You will destroy their descendants  
from the earth, and their offspring from  
among the children of man.
- <sup>11</sup> Though they plan evil against you,  
though they devise mischief, they will  
not succeed.
- <sup>12</sup> For you will put them to flight;  
you will aim at their faces with your  
bows.
- <sup>13</sup> Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength!  
We will sing and praise your power.

*Psalm 21:8-13*

“THE SELF-DESTRUCTION OF FOOLISH PRIDE ”

ESTHER 5:9-14

MATT O’SULLIVAN

**Key Truth:** God ransoms us from our pride to fill us with joyful humility in His Son.

**Introduction:**

*Q: How do you want to be seen? How do you respond when you’re not seen that way?*

<sup>8</sup>To you, O Lord, I cry,  
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:  
<sup>9</sup>“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?  
<sup>10</sup>Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me!  
O Lord, be my helper!”  
<sup>11</sup>You have turned for me my mourning into  
dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth  
and clothed me with gladness,  
<sup>12</sup>that 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*

**Esther 5:9-14: The Fragility, Blindness, and Folly of Pride**

“Gospel-humility is not needing to think about myself. Not needing to connect things with myself... True gospel-humility means an ego that is not puffed up but filled up. This is totally unique. Are we talking about high self-esteem? No. So is it low self-esteem? Certainly not. It is not about self-esteem... A truly gospel-humble person is not a self-hating person or a self-loving person, but a gospel-humble person. The truly gospel-humble person is a self-forgetful person whose ego is just like his or her toes. It just works. It does not draw attention to itself.”

Timothy Keller, *The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness*

*Q: How is your pride making you fragile, blind, and/or foolish? What can help you rest in the joyful humility for which Christ ransomed you?*

**Application:**

**Esther 5:9-14** teaches us that:

-God ransoms us from our pride to fill us with joyful humility in His Son.

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

## *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners*

Jesus! What a friend for sinners  
Jesus, lover of my soul  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me  
He, my savior, makes me whole  
Hallelujah! What a savior!  
Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving  
He is with me to the end

Jesus! What a strength in weakness  
Let me hide myself in Him  
Tempted, tried, and often failing  
He my strength, my victory wins  
Hallelujah! What a savior!  
Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving  
He is with me to the end

Jesus! What a help in sorrow  
While the billow over me roll  
Even when my heart is breaking,  
He, my Comfort, helps my soul  
Hallelujah! What a savior!  
Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving  
He is with me to the end

Jesus! I do now receive him  
More than all in Him I find  
He has granted me forgiveness,  
I am His and He is mine  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving  
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SONG OF  
*Comfort*

## *Praise to The Lord, The Almighty*

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;  
Praise Him in glad adoration

*Praise Him, Praise Him*

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 ever have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

*Praise Him, Praise Him*

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.

*Praise Him, Praise Him*

*Praise Him, Praise Him*

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 fore'er we adore Him.

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 often try to defend our pride rather than resting in Christ with humble joy (**Esther 5:9-14**).

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

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, <sup>2</sup> “You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”

<sup>3</sup> Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, <sup>4</sup> and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. <sup>5</sup> But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”

**Matthew 26:1-5**

(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!**