STAY *Connected* AT CCC

NO YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT
No youth group: There will be no youth group tonight due to fall break.

NEXT LORD'S TABLE SERVED, SEPTEMBER 29
Come to worship with your heart and mind prepared to celebrate the sacrament of communion.

FIRST CARE WOMEN'S CLINIC PRAYER WALK, OCTOBER 5
First Care Women's Clinic is hosting a prayer walk on **October 5th** in Marietta. Check in begins at **8:30 a.m.**, followed by a ministry update from 9:00—9:30 a.m. The walk will start at **10:00 a.m. and conclude at 11:00 a.m.** For more information or to make a donation see the weekly update or visit the website at supportfcwc.com.

WOMEN'S RETREAT OCTOBER 11-13
Registration is now open for the Women's Retreat! High school seniors are invited to attend. We will be focusing on Delighting in God Through His Word. Join us for the **full weekend or Saturday 10/12 only**. Please see the weekly update to **register by 10/1** and **pay on tithe.ly by 10/1.**

FALL YOUTH RETREAT, NOVEMBER 1-3
Registration for the Presbytery Fall Youth Retreat is now open for **6th-12th graders**. The cost is **$80 per person**. This year's topic is "Lost but Found: The Contours of God's Amazing Grace". Please see the weekly update to **register by 10/1** and please **pay on tithe.ly by 11/1.**

OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN A SMALL GROUP
After taking a break over the summer, our small groups are back to regularly gathering to fellowship, pray, and discuss God's Word together. We invite you to join one to get connected and build relationships in our church family! **Check out the various groups meeting at different times and locations each week at www.christcommunitycobb.org/small-groups.** Reach out to Robby with any questions.

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OUR Worship CELEBEBRATION

September 22. 2024

Prelude
~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Isaiah 51:1-3**
~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 - *Blessed Lord, In Thee, Is Refuge
~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Mark 9:38-41**
~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

Songs of Comfort - *His Mercy is More
Come As You Are
~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Tim & Rhianna Mills, MTW Thailand and Cherokee Presbyterian Church, Canton
~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - Jesus Teaches With Compassion
Mark 1:35-45

Song of Response - *Did Christ Over Sinners Weep?
~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 - 2 Peter 3:14,18**
~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.

SONG OF Response

Did Christ Over Sinners Weep?

Did Christ over sinners weep
And shall our cheeks be dry?
Let floods of penitential grief,
Burst forth from every eye
Burst forth from every eye

Behold the Son of God in tears,
The angels wondering see
Hast thou no wonder, O my soul?
He shed those tears for thee!

He wept that we might weep,
Might weep over sin and shame
He wept to show His love for us,
And bid us love the same
And bid us love the same

Then tender be our hearts,
Our eyes in sorrow dim
Til every tear from every eye,
Be wiped away by Him
Be wiped away by Him

"JESUS TEACHES WITH COMPASSION"
MARK 1:35-45
ROBBY BAXTER

Key Truth: <u>Jesus's emotional response to the suffering and evil present in the world demonstrates the holiness of His character and the integrity of His teaching.</u>

Mark 1:35-45: The Compassion of Jesus:

"As we survey the emotional life of our Lord as depicted by the Gospel writers let us not permit it to slip out of sight that we are not only observing the proofs of the truth of His humanity, and not merely regarding the most perfect example of a human life that is afforded by history, but we are contemplating the atoning work of the Savior in its fundamental elements. The cup that He drank to its bitter dregs was not His cup but our cup, and He needed to drink it only because He was set upon our salvation."

B.B. Warfield, ***The Emotional Life of Our Lord***

Application Questions:

1. *What role does reflection on the compassion of Jesus play in increasing your desire to listen to His word?*
2. *What causes you to doubt the compassion of Jesus? In what ways does His word address your doubts?*

Mark 1:21-34 teaches us that Jesus's emotional response to the suffering and evil present in the world demonstrates the holiness of His character and the integrity of His teaching.

Benediction: ***2 Peter 3:14, 18***

CALL TO Worship

"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the Lord:
look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
2 Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.
3 For the Lord comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Isaiah 51:1-3

CONGREGATIONAL *Response*

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and on the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SONG OF *Comfort*

Come As You Are

Come out of sadness
From wherever you've been
Come broken hearted
Let rescue begin
Come find your mercy
Oh sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal

So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table
Come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't cure

There's joy for the morning
Oh sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal

His Mercy Is More

What love could remember
No wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing,
He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea
Without bottom or shore
Our sins, they are many,
His mercy is more

SONG OF Comfort

What patience would wait
As we constantly roam
What Father, so tender,
Is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest,
The vilest, the poor
Our sins, they are many,
His mercy is more

Praise the Lord!
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness,
New every morn
Our sins, they are many,
His mercy is more

What riches of kindness
He lavished on us
His blood was the payment,
His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt
We could never afford
Our sins, they are many,
His mercy is more
(Chorus)

Blessed Lord, In Thee, Is Refuge

SONG OF Praise

Blessed Lord, in Thee, is refuge,
Safety for my trembling soul:
Pow'r to lift my head when drooping
'Midst the angry billow's roll.
I will trust thee, I will trust thee,
All my life thou shalt control.
Blessed Lord, in Thee, is refuge,
Safety for my trembling soul:

In the past, too, unbelieving,
'Midst the tempest I have been,
And my heart has slowly trusted
What my eyes have never seen.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Teach me on Thine arm to lean.
In the past, too, unbelieving,
'Midst the tempest I have been,

O, for trust that brings the triumph
When defeat seems strangely near;
O, for faith that changes fighting
Into vict'ry's ringing cheer!
Faith triumphant, Faith triumphant,
Knowing not defeat or fear.
O, for trust that brings the triumph
When defeat seems strangely near;

I will trust Thee, I will trust Thee,
All my life Thou shalt control.
Blessed Lord, in Thee, is refuge,
Safety for my trembling soul:

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 have sometimes doubted your willingness to heal us, save us, and restore us to life (**Mark 1:35-45**).

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

38 John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone
casting out demons in your name, and we tried
to stop him, because he was not following us.”
39 But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one
who does a mighty work in my name will be
able soon afterward to speak evil of me. 40 For
the one who is not against us is for us. 41 For
truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of
water to drink because you belong to Christ will
by no means lose his reward.

Mark 9:38-41

(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!