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JUNE PRAYER FOR LEADERSHIP

Please be praying for Cameron who will be serving as a commissioner at General Assembly 6/10-6/14 in Richmond, Virginia. Thank you for praying!

FAMILY NIGHT AT THE PARK, JUNE 13

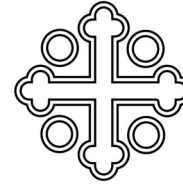
Join us for fun and fellowship at **Swift Cantrell Park from 6 to 8 PM**. Matt and the SLP students will lead games for **3rd - 12th graders**. Parents are also invited to join the games. Please note: Parents of 3rd-5th graders need to remain at the park. Email Matt with any questions.

RAFTING TRIP, JUNE 22

Registration for the 2024 rafting trip is now open. Here's everything you need to know:

- Who: Rising 6th-12th graders, college students/young adults, and parents
- When: June 22nd from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM
- Where: Brookside Rafting - Cost: **\$17 per person**
- Register: See the weekly update to **register by June 12th**
- Bring: Clothes for rafting, snacks, and money for lunch.

Please contact Matt if you have any questions!



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OUR *Worship* CELEBRATION

June 9, 2024

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

*Call to Worship - Jeremiah 31:31-34

~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 - *Come and Welcome*

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

*Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Colossians 3:12-15

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

*Congregational Response: Amen!

*Song of Comfort - *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Mwamba & Nyema Johnson, Vision Collegiate Ministries And Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, Woodstock

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Defining Characteristics of Citizens of God's Kingdom: The Denial of the Selfish Desire to Judge and Taking Up the Cross of Incalculable Forgiveness
Matthew 18:21-35

Preparation of the Table

Partaking of the Table

~Practiced on a regular basis to make the Word

*Doxology

*Song of Response - *Death Was Arrested*

~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 - Ephesians 6:23-24

~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.

Death Was Arrested

Alone in my sorrow
And dead in my sin
Lost without hope
With no place to begin
Your love made a way
To let mercy come in
When death was arrested
And my life began

Ash was redeemed
Only beauty remains
My orphan heart
Was given a name
My mourning grew quiet
My feet rose to dance
When death was arrested
And my life began

*Oh your grace so free
Washes over me
You have made me new
Now life begins with you
It's your endless love
Pouring down on us
You have made us new
Now life begins with you*

Released from my chains
I'm a prisoner no more
My shame was a ransom
He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt
And he called me his friend
When death was arrested
And my life began

Our savior displayed
On a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced
As though heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose
With our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested
And my life began

Response
SONG OF

Doxology

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

³¹ “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

Jeremiah 31:31-34

“THE DEFINING CHARACTERISTICS OF CITIZENS OF GOD’S
KINGDOM: THE DENIAL OF THE SELFISH DESIRE TO JUDGE
AND TAKING UP THE CROSS OF INCALCULABLE FORGIVENESS”

MATTHEW 18:21-35
CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: Jesus calls us to deny our selfish desire to judge others and take up the cross of our incalculable forgiveness as we follow Him in helping others be free of their debts.

Introduction:

Q: What causes you to struggle to forgive someone else?

Lord Jesus,
help us in the power of the Holy Spirit
and through the means of grace
to deny our sinful selfishness
and take up our crosses daily
and prayerfully follow You by
forgiving as we have been forgiven,
bearing fruits in keeping with repentance,
suffering for Your glory and the good of others,
and rejoicing in life more abundant as a result.
We humbly ask in Jesus’s name,
Amen

Matthew 18:21-35: The Forgiving King and the Unforgiving Servant:

“The opening exhortation to forgive without limit...is undergirded by a parable which compares God’s forgiveness to ours; it is because there is no limit to God’s generosity to his undeserving people that they in their turn cannot claim the right to withhold forgiveness from their fellow disciples. A community of the forgiven must be a forgiving community.”

R. T. France, *The Gospel According to Matthew*

Application Questions:

- 1. What types of sins or people are you more prone to judge harshly?*
- 2. What keeps you from being able to turn judgment over to God alone who is truly just?*
- 3. What helps you to bear the weight of your incalculable forgiveness and offer the same in Jesus to others?*

Matthew 18:21-35 teaches us that Jesus calls us to deny our selfish desire to judge others and take up the cross of our incalculable forgiveness as we follow Him in helping others be free of their debts.

Communion

Benediction: *Ephesians 6:23-24*

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He would give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar
The Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

SONG OF
Comfort

Come and Welcome

From the cross uplifted high
Where the Savior deigns to die
What melodious sounds I hear
Bursting on my ravished ear
Love's redeeming work is done
Come and welcome, sinner, come

Sprinkled now with blood the throne
Why beneath thy burdens groan
On my pierced body laid
Justice owns the ransom paid
Bow the knee and kiss the Son
Come and welcome, sinner, come

Spread for thee the festal board
See with richest dainties stored
To thy Father's bosom pressed
Yet again a child confessed
Never from His house to roam
Come and welcome, sinner, come

Soon the days of life shall end
Lo, I come, your Savior Friend
Safe your spirit to convey
To the realms of endless day
Up to my eternal home.
Come and welcome, sinner, come

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 struggle to deny our selfish desire to judge others and take up the cross of our incalculable forgiveness to follow Jesus in helping others be free of their debts. **(Matthew 18:21-35).**

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

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which in-deed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Colossians 3:12-15

(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!