

# STAY *Connected* AT CCC

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, OCTOBER 13

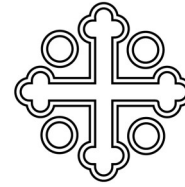
**9th-12th graders**, join us for fellowship and study tonight at the **Starts' from 5:30 to 7:30**. Be sure to bring your own dinner! See the Weekly Update to sign up to bring a dessert to share.

## TWO SERVICES IN THE LARGE MEETING ROOM, OCTOBER 13 – NOVEMBER 3

Due to the upcoming election, we will not have access to our sanctuary for the next four weeks. During this time, services will be held in the large meeting room up the ramp at 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM. Please note that **childcare will only be available during the 10:30 AM service**, while **Sunday School will continue at 9:30 AM**. Seating capacity is limited to 100. If you do not need childcare, we encourage you to attend the 9:00 AM service to help accommodate families. Thank you for your understanding!

## NEXT LORD'S TABLE SERVED, OCTOBER 20

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



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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

*October 13, 2024*

## **Prelude**

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

## **Welcome**

### **\*Call to Worship - Isaiah 65:8-9**

~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 - *God Be Merciful To Me***

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

### **\*Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Mark 10:28-31**

~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 - Eric & Rebecca Larsen, NEXT and CCC Church Plant**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

### **Sermon - Feast or Famine?**

**Mark 2:18-22**

### **\*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 - 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*

*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

CALL TO *Worship*

<sup>8</sup> Thus says the Lord:

“As the new wine is found in the cluster,  
and they say, ‘Do not destroy it, for there is  
a blessing in it,’ so I will do for my servants'  
sake, and not destroy them all.

<sup>9</sup> I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and  
from Judah possessors of my mountains; my  
chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall  
dwell there.

Isaiah 65:8-9

## 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.

**Key Truth: Jesus fulfills the demands of the law so that we can enjoy the freedom of new resurrection life.**

### Introduction:

**Q: *What are we inviting people to experience when they come to our church?***

I. Freedom from fasting

II. Freedom to feast

### Mark 2:18-22

“The question posed by the image of the wedding feast and the two parables is not whether disciples will, like sewing a new patch on an old garment or refilling an old container, make room for Jesus in their already full agendas and lives. The question is whether they will forsake business as usual and join the wedding celebration; whether they will become entirely new receptacles for the expanding fermentation of Jesus and the gospel in their lives.”

James Edwards, *The Gospel According to Mark*

### Application Questions:

1. *What are the ways you may find legalism more appealing than grace?*
2. *How is Jesus a better master than the things that try to rule our lives?*
3. *Do people experience the joy of freedom in Christ at our church? How can we grow in this as a community?*

**Mark 2:18-22 teaches us that Jesus fulfills the demands of the law so that we can enjoy the freedom of new resurrection life.**

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

## *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*

## *God Be Merciful To Me*

God be merciful to me,  
On Thy grace, I rest my plea  
Plenteous in compassion Thou,  
Blot out my transgressions now  
Wash me, make me pure within,  
Cleanse, o cleanse me from my sin

My transgressions I confess,  
Grief and guilt, my soul oppress  
I have sinned against Thy grace  
And provoked thee to Thy face  
I confess Thy judgment just,  
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust

Gracious God, my heart renew  
Make my spirit right and true  
Cast me not away from Thee,  
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me  
Thy salvation's joy impart,  
Steadfast make my willing heart

Sinners then shall learn from me  
And return, O God, to Thee  
Savior all my guilt remove  
And my tongue shall sing Thy love  
Touch my silent lips, O Lord  
And my mouth shall praise accord

SONG OF  
*Praise*

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 prefer the  
self-righteousness that comes from  
legalism, instead of enjoying the freedom of our  
new life in Christ (**Mark 2:18-22**).

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>28</sup> Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, <sup>30</sup> who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

**Mark 10:28-31**

(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!**

## Confession OF SIN