

# STAY *Connected* AT CCC

## AUGUST PRAYER FOR LEADERSHIP

Please be praying for the **elders** as they have their **retreat on Friday, 8/2 and Sat, 8/3**, and for the **deacons** as they meet on **8/4**. Thank you for praying for us!

## YOUTH GROUP PARENTS' MEETING, AUGUST 4

**Parents of 6th-12th graders**, please join us for a look at the year ahead and an overview of our philosophy of youth ministry. There will be time for Q & A and prayer. We will meet at **9:00 AM**.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

We are seeking **3 lead teachers and 3 volunteers** to serve in our **Kindergarten thru 3rd-5th grade classes** this upcoming ministry year. Lead teacher responsibilities include alongside another teacher to prepare and teach weekly lessons. Volunteer responsibilities include assisting teachers with lessons and activities once a month. If you are interested in serving, please reach out to Bonnie at [bonnie@christcommunitycobb.org](mailto:bonnie@christcommunitycobb.org) for further details.

## HOSPITALITY TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

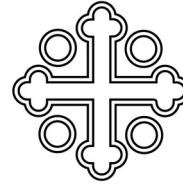
We need **two** volunteers to serve one Sunday each month on the Hospitality Team. If you are interested in serving, please reach out to Chad Whetzell at: [chad.whetzell@icloud.com](mailto:chad.whetzell@icloud.com)

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Update: **We need \$12,178 to fulfill our Faith Promise commitments and \$61,718 for the General Fund to stay on budget by August 31st.** This is an opportunity for us to express our joy in Christ through our generosity.

## OPPORTUNITY TO MENTOR STUDENTS IN MARIETTA

Couched within Marietta High School is an organization called **Mentor for Leadership (MFL)** which offers adults in the community an opportunity to mentor a student from **grades 8-12** in the Marietta school system who has great potential but is in need of guidance and support. The MFL team asks of mentors at least two "touch points" a month. Examples could include a note of encouragement during a week of standardized testing or inviting them for a meal in your home or attending a job shadow or college campus visit with the student. Additionally, the MFL team offers events and get-togethers throughout the school year. MFL is unique in how involved you can become in a student's life, thus allowing for a lasting impact. **For more information, please contact Alyssa Hood by email ([alysanhood@gmail.com](mailto:alysanhood@gmail.com)) or phone (678-687-0227).**



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BY MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES IN NORTHWEST ATLANTA AND BEYOND  
**CHANGED HEARTS, CHANGED LIVES, CHANGED COMMUNITY**

# OUR *Worship* CELEBRATION

July 28, 2024

## **Prelude**

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

## **Welcome**

### **\*Call to Worship - Isaiah 9:2-7**

~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 - *Abide With Me***

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

### **\*Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Luke 6:20-23**

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

### **\*Congregational Response: Amen!**

### **\*Songs of Comfort - *Jesus, Lord We Look to Thee***

*Cling To The Crucified*

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

### **Pastoral Prayer - Brian & Mandy Stock, MTW Malaysia and Grace Presbyterian Church, Cedartown**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

### **Sermon - Formative Suffering: The Call to Deny Selfish Comforts and Take Up the Cross of Charitable Rejoicing Philippians 1:12-18**

### **CCC Family Addition- JP and Sarah Faix**

~Our commitment to the life of the Church

### **\*Song of Response - *All Must Be Well***

~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.*

## ***All Must Be Well***

Through the love of God our Savior,  
All will be well

Free and changeless is His favor,  
All is well

Precious is the blood that healed us  
Perfect is the grace that sealed us  
Strong the hand

Stretched forth to shield us  
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation,  
All will be well

Ours is such a full salvation,  
All is well

Happy still in God confiding  
Fruitful if in Christ abiding  
Steadfast through the Spirit's Guiding  
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow;  
All will be well

Faith can sing  
Through days of sorrow,  
All is well

On our Father's love relying  
Jesus every need supplying  
Yes in living or in dying  
All must be well

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*Response*  
SONG OF

“FORMATIVE SUFFERING: THE CALL TO DENY SELFISH COMFORTS  
AND TAKE UP THE CROSS OF CHARITABLE REJOICING ”

PHILIPPIANS 1:12-18

CAMERON BARHAM

**Key Truth: God calls us to deny our selfish comforts and take up the cross of charitable rejoicing in the proclamation of Christ.**

**Introduction:**

**Q: *What most affects your ability to rejoice at the advance of the Gospel?***

**Philippians 1:12-18: Suffering and the Formation of Charitable Rejoicing:**

“Our assurance comes from the cross, which frees polemics from the anxiety of winning and losing. Laughter is the litmus test for Christian courage in a hostile world. The penalties of lost jobs, stigmas, and social isolation for holding unpopular positions can be real. Maintaining our sense of humor through such challenges is a sign that we have our eyes firmly fixed on the joy set before us. Christ exhorts us to “rejoice and be glad” when we are reviled, persecuted, and slandered, for “your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” (Matthew 5:11-12) Carrying our cross with Jesus requires us to cultivate a lively awareness of our insignificance in the face of evil; we ought to take ideas very seriously, but not ourselves.”

Matthew Lee Andersen, *Called Into Questions:  
Cultivating the Love of Learning Within the Life of Faith*

**Application Questions:**

1. *How has suffering helped you to grow in charitability towards other Christians?*
2. *Are you able to rejoice at the proclamation and advance of the Gospel by other Christians even when you are at odds with them in some way?*

**Philippians 1:12-18 teaches us that God calls us to deny our selfish comforts and take up the cross of charitable rejoicing in the proclamation of Christ.**

**Benediction: *Ephesians 6:23-24***

CALL TO Worship

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup> For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

CONGREGATIONAL *Response*

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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

*Cling to the Crucified*

Cling to the Mighty One,  
Cling in thy grief  
Cling to the Holy One,  
He gives relief  
Cling to the Gracious One,  
Cling in thy pain  
Cling to the Faithful One,  
He will sustain

*Comfort*  
SONG OF

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*Cling to the crucified,  
Jesus the Lamb who died  
Cling to the crucified,  
Jesus the King  
Cling to the crucified,  
Jesus the Lamb who died  
Cling to the crucified,  
Jesus the King*

Cling to the Living One,  
Cling in thy woe  
Cling to the Loving One,  
Through all below  
Cling to the Pardoning One,  
He speaketh peace  
Cling to the Healing One,  
Anguish will cease

Cling to the Bleeding One,  
Cling to His side  
Cling to the Rising One,  
In Him abide  
Cling to the Coming One,  
Hope shall arise  
Cling to the Reigning One,  
Joy lights thine eyes

**SONG OF**  
*Comfort*

*Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee*

By thy reconciling love  
Every stumbling block remove  
Each to each unite, endear  
Come and spread thy banner here

*Jesus, Lord, we look to thee  
Let us in Thy name agree  
Show Thyself the Prince of Peace  
Bid all quarrels forever cease*

Make us of one heart and mind  
Patient, merciful, and kind  
Lowly, meek, in thought and word  
Altogether like our Lord

Let us then with joy remove  
To thy family up above  
On the wings of angels fly  
Show how true believers die

*Abide With Me*

Abide with me;  
Fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens;  
Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers,  
Fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless,  
Abide with me.

Thou on my head,  
In early youth didst smile;  
And, though rebellious,  
And perverse meanwhile,  
Thou hast not left me,  
Though I oft left Thee,  
On to the close Lord,  
Abide with me.

I need Thy presence,  
Every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace,  
Can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself,  
My guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine,  
Abide with me.

I fear no foe,  
With Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight,  
Tears lose their bitterness  
Where is thy sting death?  
Where grave thy victory?  
I triumph still,  
Abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross,  
Before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom,  
And point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks,  
And earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, Lord,  
Abide with me.

*Praise*  
**SONG OF**

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 fail to deny our  
selfish comforts and take up the cross of  
charitable rejoicing in the proclamation of  
the Gospel. **(Philippians 1:12-18)**.

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>20</sup> And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples,  
and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for  
yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for  
you shall be satisfied. “Blessed are you who  
weep now, for you shall laugh.

<sup>22</sup> “Blessed are you when people hate you  
and when they exclude you and revile you  
and spurn your name as evil, on account of  
the Son of Man!

<sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for  
behold, your reward is great in heaven; for  
so their fathers did to the prophets.

**Luke 6:20-23**

(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