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SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR KINDERGARTEN - 5TH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

May 19th will be the last day of Sunday school classes before we take a break for summer. Stay tuned for more information regarding the new fall classes beginning in August.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, MAY 19

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.

MAY PRAYER FOR LEADERSHIP

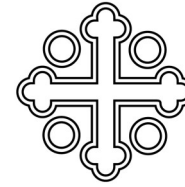
Please be praying for Matt as he leads a youth retreat in Boston 5/25-27. Thank you for praying for us!

BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENT

Claire Laughlin will be baptized on May 26th. Be on the lookout for a baptismal letter next week!

SETUP VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The setup team is in need of a volunteer to serve the first Sunday of each month. If you are interested in serving or would like more information please contact Jack Lane at jtlanejr@yahoo.com.



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

OUR *Worship* CELEBRATION
May 19, 2024

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Leviticus 18:1-5**

~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 - Psalm 86**

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Galatians 2:19-20**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Song of Comfort - Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken**

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

**Pastoral Prayer - Steve & Amy Robertson, MTW in the Americas and
Seven Hills Fellowship, Rome**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

**Sermon - Jesus's Invitation to a Living Faith: Daily Deny Yourself,
Take Up Your Cross, and Follow Him**
Luke 9:23-27

Preparation of the Table

Partaking of the Table

~Practiced on a regular basis to make the Word

***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 - 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.*

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

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

¹ And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,
² “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the Lord your God. ³ You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. ⁴ You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the Lord your God. ⁵ You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the Lord.

Leviticus 18:1-5

“JESUS’S INVITATION TO A LIVING FAITH: DAILY DENY YOURSELF, TAKE UP YOUR CROSS, AND FOLLOW HIM”

LUKE 9:23-27

CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: Jesus invites us to a living faith through denying our self-centeredness, taking up our crosses, and following Him through the indwelling Holy Spirit, the means of grace, and community with other believers.

Introduction:

Q: What most shapes your identity and how you see yourself?

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

Luke 9:23-27: The Cross Comes Before the Crown: The Redemptive Journey from Death to Life:

“We much prefer one-time miracles, not the need for an ongoing miracle of a humble heart, but our ever-present flesh requires an ever-present solution: dying and rising with Jesus.”

Paul E. Miller, *The J-Curve: Dying and Rising with Jesus in Everyday Life*

Q: In what circumstances are you self-centered? What of the world and the forces of death have attracted your attention and is forming your identity? How are you using the indwelling Holy Spirit, the means of grace, and community with other believers to mortify these things and vivify Christ’s image in you?

Application:

Luke 9:23-27 teaches us that:

-Jesus invites us to a living faith through denying our self-centered identities, taking up our crosses, and following Him through the indwelling Holy Spirit, the means of grace, and community with other believers.

Communion

Benediction: *Ephesians 6:23-24*

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus I my cross have taken
All to leave and follow Thee
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shalt be
Perish every fond ambition
All I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition
God and heaven are still my own

Let the world despise and leave me
They have left my Savior too
Human hearts and looks
Deceive me
Thou art not like them untrue
Oh while Thou dost smile upon me
God of wisdom, love and might
Foes may hate
And friends disown me
Show Thy face and all is bright

Soul, then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station
Something still to do or bear
Think what Spirit dwells within thee
Think what Father's smiles are thine
Think that Jesus died to win thee
God of heaven, I am Thine

Haste thee on from grace to glory
Armed by faith
And winged by prayer
Heaven's eternal days before thee
God's own hand
Shall guide us there
[Soon shall close thy earthly mission
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days
Hope shall change to glad fruition
Faith to sight and prayer to praise] (2x)

SONG OF
Comfort

Psalm 86

O Lord my God, incline Your ear
And answer me for I am poor.
Preserve my life,
Rescue this slave
Who trusts in You, O Lord my God

O Lord my God,
Show me Your Grace
To you I cry all the day
Make glad this soul,
Your servant save
My soul I lift, to You my God

*Teach me Your way and I
Will walk in Your truth,
In Your Truth
Unite my heart that I
May fear only You, only You*

O Lord my God, you are so good
Quick to forgive and bountiful
in lovingkindness to everyone
who calls on you, O Lord my God

O Lord my God, I will give thanks
With my whole heart and glorify
Your name forever,
For You have saved
My soul from Hell, O Lord my God

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 fail to deny our self-centeredness and take up our crosses daily in order to better follow Jesus through the indwelling Holy Spirit, the means of grace, and community with other believers (**Luke 9:23-27**).

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

¹⁹ For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:19-20

(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!