

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

NO YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT

Youth group will resume in the fall. Stay tuned for more information on upcoming youth events.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

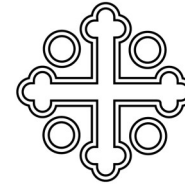
The office will be **closed** in observance of Memorial Day on **May 27th**.

FAITH PROMISE UPDATE

As of May 19th, **we've given \$62,667** to Faith Promise. Thank you for your ongoing generosity! **We need \$29,133** to fulfill our commitments through August 31.

HOUSING NEED

John Porterfield III will be joining us as a pastoral intern in early August. He is looking for an inexpensive housing option to allow him the chance to get settled in the area. Please let Cameron or Matt know if you know of an option or if you have further questions.



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OUR VISION:
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

May 26, 2024

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Numbers 14:17-19**

~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 - Galatians 6:14-16**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

Song of Comfort - *Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Chris & Kelsey Blackman, KSU RUF and Local Area Church

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Humble Posture of the Forgiven: The Denial of Self-Righteousness and Taking Up the Cross of Humility Luke 18:9-14

Baptism - Clara Laughlin

~Practiced on a regular basis to make the Word visible.

***Doxology**

Song of Response - *Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

~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.*

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder,
Let us praise the Savior's name.
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame.
*He has washed us with His blood;
He has washed us with His blood;
He has washed us with His blood;
He has brought us nigh to God.*

Let us love the Lord Who bought us,
Pitied us when enemies.
Called us by His grace and taught us,
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.
*He has washed us with His blood;
He has washed us with His blood;
He has washed us with His blood;
He presents our souls to God.*

Let us sing, though fierce temptation,
Threatens hard to bear us down.
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqueror's crown.
*He, Who washed us with His blood;
He, Who washed us with His blood;
He, Who washed us with His blood;
Soon will bring us home to God.*

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

¹⁷ And now, please let the power of the Lord be great as you have promised, saying, ¹⁸ 'The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but he will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation.' ¹⁹ Please pardon the iniquity of this people, according to the greatness of your steadfast love, just as you have forgiven this people, from Egypt until now."

Numbers 14:17-19

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

“THE HUMBLE POSTURE OF THE FORGIVEN:
THE DENIAL OF SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS AND TAKING UP THE
CROSS OF HUMILITY”
LUKE 18:9-14
CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: Jesus calls us to deny our self-righteous works and identities as we take up the cross of humility in forgiveness to love God and others in a more Christ-like way.

Introduction:

Q: *Who are you glad that you are not like?*

“True righteousness is a matter of confidence in God rather than self (Isa 8:17; 2 Cor 1:9; Heb 2:13), but the gifts of grace in the life of a believer easily tempt one to an attitude of superiority rather than humility and gratitude. This parable is about that temptation.”

James R. Edwards, *The Gospel According to Luke*

Luke 18:9-14: The Prayer of the Self-Righteous Availeth Nothing While the Prayer of the Humble Sinner Seeking Mercy Availeth Much:

“All the Lord’s people have not gifts or money. All are not called to preach, or write, or fill a prominent place in the church. But all are called to be humble. One grace at least should adorn the poorest and must unlearned believer. That grace is humility. Let us leave the whole passage with a deep sense of the great encouragement it affords to all who feel their sins, and cry to God for mercy in Christ’s name. Their sins may have been many and great. Their prayers may seem weak, faltering, unconnected, and poor. But let them remember the publican, and take courage. That same Jesus who commended his prayer is sitting at the right hand of God to receive sinners. Then let them hope and pray on.”

J.C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on the Gospels, Vol. 2: Luke*

Application Questions:

- 1. What particular self-righteous works or identities do you need to deny?*
- 2. How can you cultivate humility through your justification without falling into worm theology?*
- 3. How might this denial and taking up help you to love God and others in a more Christ-like way?*

Luke 18:9-14 teaches us that Jesus calls us to deny our self-righteous works and identities as we take up the cross of humility in forgiveness to love God and others in a more Christ-like way.

Baptism: Clara Laughlin

Benediction: *Ephesians 6:23-24*

Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted

Come ye, souls, by sin afflicted,
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down;
By the broken law convicted,
Through the cross,
Behold the crown;
Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus;
Look to Jesus;
Mercy flows through Him alone.

Take His easy yoke and wear it;
Love will make
Your obedience sweet;
Christ will give you
Strength to bear it,
While His grace,
Shall guide your feet
Safe to glory, Safe to glory,
Safe to glory,
Where His ransomed captives meet.

Blessed are the eyes that see Him,
Blessed the ears that hear His voice;
Blessed are the souls that trust Him,
And in Him, alone rejoice;
His commandments,
His commandments,
His commandments
Then become their happy choice.

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary,
Light to newly opened eyes,
Like full springs in deserts dreary,
Is the rest, the cross supplies;
All who taste it,
All who taste it, All who taste it
Shall to rest immortal rise
Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus;
Look to Jesus;
Mercy flows through Him alone.

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

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-righteous works and identities as we take up our crosses of humility in forgiveness to love God and others in a more Christ-like way. **(Luke 18:9-14)**.

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

¹⁴ But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. ¹⁶ And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

Galatians 6:14-16

(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!