

# STAY *Connected* AT CCC

## JUNE PRAYER FOR LEADERSHIP

Please be praying for the deacons and elders who will be meeting on Sunday, 6/2, and for Cameron who will be serving as a commissioner at General Assembly 6/10-6/14 in Richmond, Virginia. Thank you for praying for us!

## FAMILY NIGHT AT THE PARK, JUNE 6

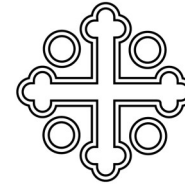
Join us for fun and fellowship at **Swift Cantrell Park from 6 to 8 PM**. Matt and the SLP students will lead games for **3rd - 12th graders**. Parents are also invited to join the games. Please note: **Parents of 3rd-5th graders need to remain at the park**. Email Matt with any questions.

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER, JUNE 9

Join us on **Sunday, 6/9, at 9 am** in the Conference Room to pray for a variety of things near and far.

## NEXT LORD'S TABLE SERVED, JUNE 9

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



CHRIST COMMUNITY  
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TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW JESUS:



*Forgiveness. Repentance. Suffering. and Joy.*

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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  
June 2, 2024

**Prelude**

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship - Isaiah 1:18-20**

~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 - Ephesians 4:29-32**

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

**\*Congregational Response: Amen!**

**\*Songs of Comfort - *Jesus, With Thy Church Abide***

*My Victory*

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

**Pastoral Prayer - First Care Women's Clinic and  
Cherokee Presbyterian Church, Canton**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

**Sermon - The Humble Practice of the Forgiven: The Denial of Self-Satisfaction  
and Taking Up the Cross of Forgiveness**

Matthew 6:14-15

**\*Song of Response - *His Mercy Is More***

~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.*

***His Mercy Is More***

What love could remember  
No wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all-knowing,  
He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea  
Without bottom or shore  
Our sins, they are many,  
His mercy is more

What patience would wait  
As we constantly roam  
What Father, so tender,  
Is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest,  
The vilest, the poor  
Our sins, they are many,  
His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord!*

*His mercy is more*

*Stronger than darkness,*

*New every morn*

*[Our sins, they are many,*

*His mercy is more] (repeat at end)*

What riches of kindness  
He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment,  
His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt  
We could never afford  
Our sins, they are many,  
His mercy is more  
(Chorus)

*Response*  
SONG OF

“THE HUMBLE PRACTICE OF THE FORGIVEN:  
THE DENIAL OF SELF-SATISFACTION AND TAKING UP  
THE CROSS OF FORGIVENESS”  
MATTHEW 6:14-15  
CAMERON BARHAM

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**Key Truth: Jesus calls us to deny our selfish desires for self-satisfaction and to take up the cross of forgiveness as we’ve been forgiven.**

**Introduction:**

*Q: What causes you to struggle to forgive others?*

“Forgiveness is almost a single-word summary of both the Christian *gospel* and of the Christian *ethic*, of God’s gift to us and of our responsibility to others.”  
Frederick Dale Bruner, *The Christbook: Matthew 1-12*

**Matthew 6:14-15: Start Small: Forgiving Trespasses and Other Minor Offenses:**

“The point is not so much that forgiving is a prior condition of being forgiven, but that forgiveness cannot be a one-way process. Like all God’s gifts it brings responsibility; it must be passed on. To ask for forgiveness on any other basis is hypocrisy. There can be no question, of course, of our forgiving being in proportion to what we are forgiven....”  
R. T. France, *The Gospel According to Matthew: An Introduction and Commentary*

**Application Questions:**

- 1. What types of offenses do you most struggle to forgive?*
- 2. What types of offenses do you most often suffer in your spheres of influence?*
- 3. How have you been affected by the forgiveness or the unforgiveness of others?*

**Matthew 6:14-15 teaches us that Jesus calls us to deny our selfish desires for self-satisfaction and to take up the cross of forgiveness as we’ve been forgiven.**

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

CALL TO Worship

<sup>18</sup> “Come now, let us reason together,  
says the Lord: though your sins are like  
scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.  
<sup>19</sup> If you are willing and obedient,  
you shall eat the good of the land;  
<sup>20</sup> but if you refuse and rebel,  
you shall be eaten by the sword;  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

**Isaiah 1:18-20**

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

*Comfort*  
SONG OF

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*My Victory*

You came for criminals  
And even Pharisees  
You came for hypocrites,  
Even one like me  
You carried sin and shame  
The guilt of every man  
The weight of all I've done  
Nailed into Your hands

*Oh, Your love bled for me  
Oh, Your blood  
In crimson streams  
Oh, Your death is hell's defeat  
A cross meant to kill  
Is my victory*

Oh, Your amazing grace,  
I've seen and tasted it  
It's running through my veins  
I can't escape its grip  
In You my soul is safe  
You cover everything

Behold the Lamb of God  
Who takes away our sin,  
Who takes away our sin  
The holy Lamb of God  
Makes us alive again  
Makes us alive again

**SONG OF**  
*Comfort*

*Jesus, With Thy Church Abide*

Jesus, with Thy church abide  
Be her savior, Lord, and Guide  
While on earth her faith is tried  
We beseech Thee, hear us  
We beseech Thee, hear us

Keep her life and doctrine pure  
Grant her patience to endure  
Trusting in Thy promise sure  
We beseech Thee, hear us  
We beseech Thee, hear us

May she one in doctrine be  
One in truth and charity  
Winning all to faith in Thee  
We beseech Thee, hear us  
We beseech Thee, hear us

May she guide the poor and blind  
Seek the lost until she find  
And the brokenhearted bind  
We beseech Thee, hear us  
We beseech Thee, hear us

*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**

# 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 forgive others their trespasses against us because we don't truly believe that You have forgiven us of ours against You. (**Matthew 6:14-15**).

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>29</sup> Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

**Ephesians 4:29-32**

(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!**