

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, MAY 18

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.

SEND OFF PARTY FOR THE CHUNGS

Join us in celebrating and encouraging Pai and Kim Chung as they prepare to move overseas at the end of June! There will be an open house style drop-in party on **Sunday, June 1 at Jennifer Skeen's Yoga house** (985 Kennesaw Due West Rd. NW, Kennesaw, 30152). Stop by anytime between **2:00 - 5:00 pm** to encourage Pai and Kim as they prepare for this new adventure!

HIGH SCHOOL GUYS DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

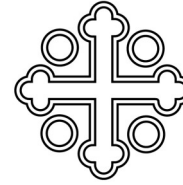
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YOUTH RAFTING TRIP, JUNE 14

Registration for our annual whitewater rafting trip is now open for **rising 6th - 12th graders, college students, and parents**. The cost is **\$17 per person**. Please see the Weekly Update to **register by June 7th**. Contact Matt with any questions.

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OUR *Worship* CELEBRATION

May 18, 2025

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Isaiah 33:13-16**

~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 - A Mighty Fortress**

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Mark 2:5-12**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Song of Comfort - Jesus, Lord We Look to Thee**

~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, the Lord Who Welcomes and Unites His People Mark 9:38-41

Preparation of the Table

Partaking of the Table

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

***Song of Response - Come to the Feast**

~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.

Come to the Feast

Go to the highways and hedges
Go to the farthest of fields
Go and compel
The sick and the well
For our Father's house
Will be filled

Go to the streets of the city
Bring in the crippled & blind
All who would taste
This banquet of grace
Must come and
Waste no more time

*Come to the feast
Come to the table
The great and the least
The rich and the poor
Come to the feast
Come to the table
Come and hunger no more*

In the robe of the lamb
You'll be covered
Dressed in his pure
Righteousness
For all of your guilt
His blood it was spilt
So come by your Father
Be blessed

SONG OF Response

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

- ¹³ Hear, you who are far off, what I have done; and you who are near, acknowledge my might.
- ¹⁴ The sinners in Zion are afraid; trembling has seized the godless: “Who among us can dwell with the consuming fire? Who among us can dwell with everlasting burnings?”
- ¹⁵ He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly, who despises the gain of oppressions, who shakes his hands, lest they hold a bribe, who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed and shuts his eyes from looking on evil,
- ¹⁶ he will dwell on the heights; his place of defense will be the fortresses of rocks; his bread will be given him; his water will be sure.

Isaiah 33:13-16

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 is the Lord who welcomes and unites everyone who calls upon His name.

Introduction:

Q: *How can you tell if someone is a Christian?*

Mark 9:38-41: Jesus Welcomes and Unites Everyone Who Calls Upon His Name

“The reference to the person who gives a drink of water to a disciple on the ground that he belongs to Jesus concretely illustrates the principle of verse 40 and indicates how wide is the range of participation in the mission which Jesus envisions.... The reference to ‘his reward’ carries no thought of deserving or of merit, for there is no way in which a cup of water may be conceived as *meriting* participating in the Kingdom. It serves rather to stress God’s awareness of all who share in the extension of Jesus’ work, and to emphasize that there are no distinctions between ‘trivial’ and ‘important’ tasks. There is only faith and obedience, shown in devotion to Jesus, and wherever these qualities exist they call forth the approval of God.”

William T. Lane, *The Gospel According to Mark*

Application Questions:

1. *How do you downplay or overlook the unity that Jesus gives us in union with Him?*
2. *How do you downplay or overlook the ways you get to serve in the name of Jesus?*
3. *How can Jesus’s promise of reward renew your devotion to Him and His people in seemingly insignificant ways?*

Mark 9:38-41 teaches us that Jesus is the Lord who welcomes and unites everyone who call upon His name.

Benediction: 2 Peter 3:14, 18

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

SONG OF
Praise

A Mighty Fortress

A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and pow'r are great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not His equal

If we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing
You ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus it is He
The Lord of Hosts His name,
From age to age the same
And He must win the battle

And though this world
With devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us
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A mighty fortress is our God
His kingdom is forever (4x's)

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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 try to establish unity on our terms rather than resting in the unity that You create in Your name alone.
(Mark 9:38-41)

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

⁵ And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷ "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸ And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'?"

¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" - he said to the paralytic - ¹¹ "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." ¹² And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

Mark 2:5-12

(Leader) - And based on the gift of this assurance of pardon to us, God's people, we all can't help but say,