

# SUNDAY RECAP

CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

The *Sunday Recap* is a quick rundown of our time of worship together on Sunday. Our hope is that this will help us continue to reflect on the good news of the gospel all week long. Enjoy!

Recap for: Sunday, January 28, 2018

## SCRIPTURE TO MEDITATE ON

**Romans 5:19** For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Was there a song lyric or reading that struck you on Sunday? What was it and why did it impact you?
- Pastor Mark talked about how the essence of sin is us believing we know better than God and believing we can have a better existence separate from God. Where do you see that in your life?
- Pastor Mark said, "God is not looking for copies of Jesus, but simply inviting people to be baptized into his death," what does that mean and how is that different from the message we often hear within Christianity?
- Consider the meaning of this statement, "God's law is powerless to produce what it requires." Now think about how it affects: a) How you read the Bible and b) How you live the Christian life.
- Pastor Mark compared us trying to become what God requires (an obedient human) to us trying to make ourselves fly. How are you trying to become what God requires instead of accepting what Christ has already done for you?

## QUESTIONS FOR KIDS

- In the beginning, Adam and Eve thought that they knew better than God how to have the good life. And that thinking continues to this day. I know I still find myself thinking I know what's best for me even if God says differently. Do you think that way too? What do you do that shows you think like that?
- God's law requires us to be perfectly loving. Can you do that? Why not? Then why does God still love you even though you aren't perfect? (you are trying to help the little ones understand that they are loved by God because of what Jesus did, not because they obey)

## SUGGESTED RESOURCES

Articles: [Flipping Rest into Work, Grace into Law](#) by Mockingbird  
["Sanctified by Grace?"](#) in Modern Reformation

Book: [Law and Gospel: A Theology for Sinners \(and Saints\)](#) by McDavid, Richardson, and Zahl

Podcasts: [“The Necessary Distinction Between Law and Gospel”](#), *The Thinking Fellows*  
[“Grace and Law”](#), *The White Horse Inn*

**SONGS WE SANG** \*Check out our Spotify playlist here: <https://goo.gl/BQddvV>

[Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus](#) by Greg Attwells

[Amazing Grace \(My Chains are Gone\)](#) by Chris Tomlin

[Cornerstone](#) by Hillsong

[He Will Hold Me Fast](#) by Keith and Kristyn Getty

[Be Thou My Vision](#) by Kings Kaleidoscope

## READINGS

### *CALL TO WORSHIP*

L: God, we have come to worship you as sinners in need of your forgiveness.

**C: We come tired from our work, in need of refreshment and re-creation.**

L: We come with worries, in need of your guidance.

**C: But first, lift us out of our preoccupation with our own needs.**

L: Allow us to see you with the eyes of faith, and to hear with the ears of understanding what you say to us.

**C: Make us thankful for all the good we have received from you.**

L: Awaken in us a longing to do what is right.

**C: And make us aware of the great company, past, present, and to come, with whom we join to worship you. Amen.**

### *PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

L: Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we are thankful that your mercy is  
higher than the heavens,  
wider than our wanderings,  
deeper than all our sin.

**C: Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes,  
our refusal to relieve the suffering of others,  
our envy of those who have more than we have,  
our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure,  
our indifference to the treasures of heaven,  
our neglect of your wise and gracious law.**

L: Change us, Lord, replace our selfish and sinful desires with desires for what is good,  
May we love what you love, and do what you command,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

L: Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.

In Christ we have redemption through his blood,

the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

—from Acts 13:38; Ephesians 1:7

### *PASSING OF THE PEACE*

The peace of Christ is with you and among us as His people. Take a moment now to greet one another with the peace of Christ!

### *BENEDICTION*

L: We leave from here to bear witness to Christ in faithfulness to the Scriptures,  
in harmony with the church of the ages,  
and in unity with all Christ's people.

(taken from the confession titled "Our Song of Hope")

Peace be with you!

**C: And also with you!**

## **SERMON REVIEW**

**Sermon title:** "A New Way of Being Human" by Mark Bergin, Pastor, The Painted Door ([www.tpd.church](http://www.tpd.church))

**Watch** it again here: <https://cccplainfield.org/sermon/new-way-human/>

**Sermon synopsis:** God created humanity to flourish in his life. But from the beginning, we went looking for life on our own, life apart from our Maker. There is no such life, only death. And all who walk in that way of Adam are perishing. But God has forged a way out for us in Christ. Jesus is a new Adam, who entered into the path of the perishing and through obedience re-created the way of being human that God had always intended for us. Jesus flourished in the life of his Father. And this finished work of obedience is ours to trust, ours to learn, ours to live out. God has given us the flourishing human life of Christ. No longer seek life anywhere else.