

SUNDAY RECAP | CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

The *Sunday Recap* is a quick rundown of our time of worship together on Sunday and a quick look ahead. 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, June 24, 2018

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PREPARE FOR THIS SUNDAY [\(back to table of contents\)](#)

// Pre-Service Prayer//

Loving God, Fill our worship with grace,
Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you,
our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

—based on Psalm 19:14

// Call to Worship //

LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory in the heavens.
Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.
When we consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?
You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.
O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
Praise him for his mighty works and unequalled greatness!
Let everything that has breath praise God!

– Based on Psalm 8 and Psalm 150:6

// Prayer of Confession //

L: Dear heavenly Father, we come boldly to your throne of grace today—thankful it is an occupied throne and rejoicing that its a throne of grace.

We confess that we often take you and your good gifts for granted. Forgive us for indulging a spirit of entitlement, presumption, and ingratitude.

We confess that we take ourselves too seriously. Forgive us for being too easily offended, too easily irritated, and too easily angered.

C: We confess that we don't take the needs of others seriously enough. Forgive us for being too preoccupied to notice, too busy to engage, and too selfish to serve.

Have mercy on us, Lord; have mercy on me. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

// Assurance of Pardon //

It has been said that the gospel tells us we are much worse than we first thought, but that we are also loved more than we ever hoped.

All of you need to hear some good news today. And in the gospel is where you hear the best news you could ever receive.

Because of Jesus Christ - You are forgiven and loved by God. And nothing can ever change that.

Amen.

// Passing of the Peace //

There is power in Jesus name to redeem and restore us to one another in him with a peace that surpasses anything we could muster in our own strength. Let's practice that gift of peace by greeting one another here this morning.

// Benediction //

L: May the God of joy, fill you with the reassurance that He is with you and loves you despite what your circumstances may look like. Go from here and be a conduit of that joy to the world.

And may the Peace of Christ be with you!

C: And Also with you!

REFLECT ON LAST SUNDAY ([back to table of contents](#))

// Call to Worship //

Blessed be your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise. You alone are the Lord. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you. You have entered into covenant with us, for the redemption of your people.

You have kept your promises because you are righteous.

-Adapted from Nehemiah 9

[Awake My Soul](#)

[Revelation Song](#)

// Prayer of Confession //

Spiritual Transformation does not come from fixing our problems. It results from turning to God in the midst of them and meeting God just as we are. Turning to God in our sin and shame is the heart of spiritual transformation.

- David Benner

L: Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.

C: Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.

L: Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;

C: and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light
of the world. Amen.

// Assurance of Pardon //

*We have been made holy
through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. This is God's gospel promise:
to forgive our sins and give us eternal life
by grace alone
because of Christ's one sacrifice finished on the cross.
—Hebrews 10:10, NIV; Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 66*

*The Assurance of Pardon reminds us of this great truth that each one of us needs to hear today- You are not
simply a sinner, you are a deeply loved sinner. And there is all the difference in the world between the two.
Amen.*

[How Deep The Father's Love for Us](#)

// Passing of the Peace //

In a world filled with division and hate, the church proclaims the message that Jesus Christ is the only hope
for peace. Now we have peace with God and with one another. Lets practice that peace by greeting one
another this morning.

[Always](#)

// Benediction //

May you truly know how much God loves you. May that bring you much joy and make a difference in your
everyday life and be experienced by many others as well. Go in the name of the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit.

L: Peace be with you!

C: And Also with you!

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Scripture to Meditate On:

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

Reflection Questions:

- In our prayer of confession Ryan read this quote from author David Benner:
“Spiritual transformation does not come from fixing our problems. It results from turning to God in the midst of them and meeting God just as we are. Turning to God in our sin and shame is the heart of spiritual transformation.”
Reflect on that quote for a bit. Is this different from how you see spiritual transformation? How so? What do you do in the midst of your sin and shame?
Pray that God would give you the courage and trust to turn to him in the midst of your sin instead of running away.
- What did you hear in the sermon, readings, or songs last week that was meaningful to you?
- In last weeks sermon Nathan said, “Sometimes the hardest thing is to have joy in everyday circumstances.” Do you find that to be true? Why or why not?
- In talking about joy, Nathan connected our joy to an understanding of what God has done for us in Christ and then asked the question- “How does how I live reflect what He’s done for us?” Think about that question and then answer it a) for your life now and b) what you would hope it would look like in the future.
- Do you have a time in your life where God’s presence brought you peace? Take time to remember that experience and thank God for it.
- Who in your life has been a conduit of joy to you? Who can you be a conduit of joy to? How can you be a conduit of joy to your unbelieving neighbors this week?

Suggested Resources

Articles: [Joy is Coming](#) by Jessica Thompson
[The Danger and Delight of Happiness](#) by Chad Bird

Devotionals: [The Source of Joy](#) by Ligonier Ministries
[Go to Sleep](#) by Paul Tripp

RESOURCES FOR KIDS (and Parents) ([back to table of contents](#))

Resource: [The Bible App for Kids](#) (download it and pick a story and read it together!)

Video for Parents: [I Hate Parenting as a Sinner](#) with Paul Tripp

[New City Catechism Question 38](#)

What is prayer?

Prayer is pouring out our hearts to God in praise, petition, confession of sin, and thanksgiving.

Read together: Philippians 4:4 “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.”

Questions for Kids

- ✦ What is joy? What gives you joy?
- ✦ Can we have joy even though we sin against God? Can we have joy when our life is really hard or sad? Why?
- ✦ What could we do to help others have joy this week?

Pray

Loving God, thank you for loving us and always being with us. Help us to remember that no matter what happens to us in life, you have promised to be with us here and also promised us a future resurrection with you forever where there will be no suffering or sin or sadness. Thank you God for doing all this for us. Give us a faith today that will result in joy in all circumstances. We pray this in the great name of our awesome savior Jesus, Amen.

Sermon Review [\(back to table of contents\)](#)

Title: Promise-Based Mission

Text: [Philippians 4](#)

Watch: <https://cccplainfield.org/sermon/the-christians-joy/>

Podcast: <https://cccplainfield.org/subscribe-to-podcast>

Sermon Outline:

Summary Statement: Christ's presence brings joy and peace through prayer and practice

1. Joy Through Union with Christ (v.4)
2. Peace Through Prayer (v.5-7)
3. Presence Through Practice (v.8-9)