

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, July 1, 2018

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

// Pre-Service Prayer //

O God, by your power may we, with all the saints, comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.

—based on Ephesians 3:18-19

// Call to Worship //

Leader: Praise the Lord.

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power;

praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,

praise him with resounding cymbals.

Congregation: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

- from Psalm 150

// Prayer of Confession //

Leader: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.

You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.

Congregation: Forgive our sins,

and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways,

for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

// Assurance of Pardon //

Leader: To all those that repent of their sin and look to Jesus Christ for their salvation, I declare that all your sin is forgiven. You have been made made clean by the blood of the lamb, Jesus Christ himself. Now stop living like God is fed up with you and enjoy him as he is fully pleased with you and loves you with a love unending. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. Amen.

// Passing of the Peace //

The peace we have in Jesus Christ is not just an idea or abstract, it is a living peace that we can enjoy everyday. Jesus has restored us to God and to one another, so... Let's take a moment to enjoy the peace we have by greeting one another this morning.

// Benediction //

Leader: The grace of Christ attend you, the love of God surround you, the Holy Spirit keep you now and forevermore. Peace be with you!

Congregation: And Also with you!

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// 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

[Give Me Faith](#)

[Grace Alone](#)

// 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 //

Leader: Christ was pierced for your transgressions. Christ was crushed for your iniquities. He alone is your foundation. He alone is your refuge. He alone is your living hope. You have confessed your sins. You have acknowledged your iniquity. Therefore, by the authority of Jesus Christ, and as a minister of his gospel, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

[God With Us](#)

// Passing of the Peace //

There is power in Jesus name. A power so strong it redeems and restore us to one another in him. A power so strong it could even make us like each other most days ;)

Now we have 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.

[Nothing But the Blood](#)

// Benediction //

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. (Philippians 4:23)

Peace be with you!

Congregation: And Also with you!

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Scripture to Meditate On:

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Reflection Questions:

- Each week we have an “Assurance of Pardon” where we are reassured that Jesus has indeed died for our sins and he is no longer holding them against us. Is that hard for you to truly believe on a daily basis? Do you have an example from your week when either hearing an “Assurance of Pardon” or giving one to someone else would have been a great blessing?
- God loves hearing from His children and yet we often go to Him as a last resort when the safeguards that we have put in place begin to prove unstable or unreliable, shaking our sense of security. What are the things you have put in place or maintain that keep you from going to God in prayer first?
- Often like a ship in a storm, regardless of the circumstances around him, Paul showed continued reliance and focus on Christ. He knew to his core that God is a faithful God whose promise of nearness and salvation would not go unfulfilled. Looking back over the last week, year, or decade, how has God shown Himself to be faithful with His promises to you?
- Relevant Quote: "Are we in great trouble? There is a promise that works for our good, 'I will be with him in trouble' (Psalm 91:15). God does not bring His people into troubles and leave them there. He will stand by them; He will hold their heads and hearts when they are fainting...God will be the strength of our hearts; He will join His forces with us. Either He will make His hand lighter, or our faith stronger." Thomas Watson, All Things For Good pg 16.

Suggested Resources

Articles: [The Joy of an Unaccomplished Life](#) by Chad Bird
[What Are My Feelings For?](#) By Alex Early

Devotionals: [God is With Me in the Shifting](#) by Joy Cofield

Video: [Cling To Christ](#) with Elyse Fitzpatrick

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Article: [8 Things to Remember When Teaching Kids Theology](#) by Melanie Lacy

[New City Catechism Question 1](#)

Q: What is our only hope in life and death?

A: That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God and to our Savior Jesus Christ.

Read together: Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”

Questions for Kids

- ✝ What does it mean that Jesus strengthens us?
- ✝ Why do you think the Apostle Paul needed God to strengthen him?
- ✝ Why do you need Jesus to strengthen you?

Pray

God, you are really awesome! Thank you for Jesus. We know that Jesus is our strength. Help us to know more what that means for our everyday life. I pray for [child's name(s)] and that they know you are with them and strengthen them. Help them to know that you are always with them and always strengthening them, even when they don't know it and don't feel it. We love you Jesus! Thanks for loving us! Amen.

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Title: Joy In All Circumstances

Text: Philippians 4:4-7, 10-13

Watch: <https://cccplainfield.org/sermon/joy-in-all-circumstances/>

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