

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 29, 2018

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

// Pre-Gathering 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 //

To all who are weary and need rest,
To all who mourn and long for comfort,
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares,
To all who fail and desire strength,
To all who sin and need a Savior,
This church opens wide her doors
with a welcome from Jesus Christ,
the Ally of His enemies, the Defender of the guilty,
the Justifier of the inexcusable, the Friend of sinners,
the Conqueror of the grave, the resurrection and the life.
Welcome!

[To The Table](#)

[Psalm 34 Taste and See](#)

// Prayer of Confession //

Leader: Dear heavenly Father, We come into your presence this morning only because your mercies are new every morning. We stand before you in this place only because we stand firmly in your grace. We dare call you Abba Father only because you have made us your beloved sons and daughters. We freely confess our sins to you only because you fully gave Jesus for us.

Congregation: For the ways we loved poorly this past week—in our families, at our vocations, and among our neighbors, forgive us.

Leader: From the foolish idols to which we cling, the broken cisterns from which we drink, and the false lovers to which we turn, free us.

Congregation: For not believing Jesus is enough and your grace is sufficient, and for not trusting you to be really sovereign and really good, have mercy on us. Our hope rests alone in Jesus' finished work and your steadfast love. Amen.

// Assurance of Pardon //

Psalm 103:11–12

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Leader: If you have faith in Christ, how many of your sins are held against you?

Congregation: None of them! Hallelujah, we are completely forgiven!

[*Hallelujah What A Savior*](#)

// Passing of the Peace //

God promises us in Philippians 4 that the peace He offers is greater than our understanding can grasp, that it guards our hearts and minds, and that it comes through Jesus alone. Let's take a few minutes to greet one another in that same spirit of peace

// Benediction //

Leader: Go into this week, held together by the love of God, clothed with the nature of Jesus the Christ, reinforced by the strength of the Holy Spirit. (from Philippians 3:6-11)

Peace be with you!

Congregation: And also with you!

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

// Pre-Gathering Prayer//

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;

let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

—Psalm 95:1-2

// Call to Worship //

Leader: O God, we joyously come together to worship,
realizing we need not summon you into our midst,

for you are here. We need not call you into the secret places of our hearts, for you are there.

Congregation: We need our eyes of faith to be opened, that we may see you;
our ears to be unstopped, that we may hear you;
our minds to be sensitive, that we may know you;
our hearts to be tender, that we may receive you.

Leader: Grant each one a blessing, O Lord, as each has need,
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

[*Lord I Need You*](#)

[*O Come To The Altar*](#)

// Prayer of Confession //

Leader: Dear heavenly Father, for the welcome we receive as we come into your presence, we praise you;
For the freedom to call you Abba, Father, we adore you;
For the assurance of your daily mercies and steadfast love, we worship you.

Congregation: There is no other god like you—none more worthy to be loved with all our heart and soul,
mind and strength.

Leader: You know our weaknesses, and do not despise them.
You know our brokenness, and will not shame us.
You know our sorrows, and are filled with compassion.
You know our foolishness, and promise more grace.
With our eyes fixed on Jesus—the author and perfecter of our faith, we ask you to forgive us.
Forgive us for hurting people we love by our impatience and irritation, by our lack of listening and our un-kept promises.

Congregation: Forgive us for thinking of ourselves more highly than we ought, and thinking of others less
compassionately than they deserve.

Leader: Forgive us for giving more power to what others say about us in public, than what you say about us
in heaven.

Forgive us for being too busy to behold your beauty in your Word; meditate on your mercies in Christ, and
hear you sing to us in the gospel.

Congregation: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on me.

// Assurance of Pardon //

Leader: In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,
we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive,
no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal.
God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free.
Receive the forgiving love of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

[*One Day \(When We All Get To Heaven\)*](#)

// Passing of the Peace //

Were it not for the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we would be standing here as disconnected individuals, but now, because of what Jesus has done for us, we are God's family-- brothers and sisters to one another. Realizing that great truth, let's take a moment to welcome one another here this morning.

[Alive in You](#)

// Benediction //

Leader: Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

—Colossians 3:17

Peace be with you!

Congregation: And also with you!

FURTHER REFLECTION & STUDY [\(back to table of contents\)](#)

Scripture to Meditate On:

Acts 17:10–11 The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

Reflection Questions:

- In our Prayer of Confession we said- “Forgive us for hurting people we love by our impatience and irritation.” How has your impatience and irritation hurt others? Who has it hurt? We encourage you to go ask them for forgiveness for hurting them and ask others to pray for you.
- How does the doctrine of the sovereignty of God (ie- God being in control of all things) give you comfort and hope?
- Pastor Ryan talked about the term “Total Depravity”, how would you define it and why do you think its an important doctrine to the Christian faith?
- How have you approached discerning God’s will in your life or how have you helped others discern God’s will? After hearing our discussion on Sunday did it challenge your view or cause you to rethink the way you would approach such decisions?
- Why do you think your prayer life isn’t what you’d like it to be?

Suggested Resources

Articles: [7 Things You Need To Know About the Formation of the New Testament](#) by Timothy Massaro
[I Don't Want To Pray, But I Want To](#) by William Boekestein
[Why I Trust the Bible](#) by Nicholas Davis
[TULIP and Reformed Theology: An Introduction](#) by R.C.Sproul

Devotionals: [God's Sovereignty](#) by Ligonier Ministries

Books: [PROOF Finding Freedom through the Intoxicating Joy of Irresistible Grace](#) by Montgomery and Jones

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

2-Minute Video: [Calling: A Gospel Principle for Parents](#) with Paul Tripp

[New City Catechism Question #16](#)

What is sin?

Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created, rebelling against him by living without reference to him, not being or doing what he requires in his law—resulting in our death and the disintegration of all creation.

[New City Catechism Question #24](#)

Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life.

Prayer

Dear God, you are really great! Thanks for being with me all day today. Thanks for the summertime. For the warm sun, for fun at the pool, and for a break from school. We pray for our new school year starting soon. We pray for our teachers and our classmates. I pray that you will give me new relationships with other people at my school who know Jesus. I also pray you'll give me friends who don't know Jesus so I can be a great friend to them, love them, and tell them about Jesus. Thank you for always loving me, no matter what Jesus. Amen.

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

Title: Ask Anything - Week 1

Text: Various

Watch: <https://cccplainfield.org/sermon/ask-anything-series-week-1/>

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

Questions addressed:

1. We go to church, we love our kids, we sorta drive the speed limit and we always pay our taxes. Our nation and culture has promoted and generally celebrated "Good behavior" for many years. *In light of this context, How can we as believers best comprehend our total depravity?*
 - o *What scriptures can we use to help remind us of our total need for a savior?*
 - o *Is church just a way of ensuring we continue to be "good" or is it something more?*
2. How do we know that the Bible is trustworthy?
3. How did these books get assembled?
 - o Were the men that assembled the Bible and selected the content also inspired as the writers were?
 - o How do we know that these are the right teachings to believe?
4. Who is Calvin anyway and I have heard that we are a Christian Reformed Church...What does that even mean? Does it really matter?
5. How do we determine God's will for us individually and our Church as a whole?
6. How do I respond to people who say Church is boring?