

# 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, Aug 12th, 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 //

Leader: In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

Congregation: We gather, alive to the Word of God.

Leader: You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant, ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

Congregation: We listen, alive to the Word of God.

Leader: You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom, sometimes startling and unexpected, sometimes still and quiet, but always dwelling among us.

Congregation: We watch and wait for the Word of God.

[Holy, Holy, Holy](#)

[Come Ye Sinners](#)

### // Prayer of Confession //

Leader: Forgiving God, we come to you today hiding in our pain, brokenness, and mistakes. We try to erase them from the stories we tell ourselves and each other. But You know our true stories and You love us anyway. You have been creating our story since you knit us together in our mother's womb.

Congregation: Help us to live in the truth of our story, both the good chapters and the difficult ones. We confess to You our failures, our disobedience, and our inability to live faithful lives.

Leader: We know that redemption comes when we honestly let you in to the whole story of our lives. Forgive us now, we pray. In the Name of Christ our Redeemer, Amen.

### **// Assurance of Pardon //**

Jesus Christ is your deliverer. He offers you complete freedom today. Freedom from guilt, freedom from self-inflicted shame, freedom from sin that keeps you from joy. He offers complete forgiveness of ALL your sin. Receive his forgiveness today. You are forgiven and you are loved as if you had never sinned. Amen.

[You Have Redeemed My Soul](#)

### **// Passing of the Peace //**

Ephesians 2 says that Jesus came and “preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near” and because of that you and I are “no longer strangers and aliens, but are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God”

As members of God's household who enjoy this peace, lets welcome one another here this morning.

*Pastoral Prayer and Offering*

*“You Are Righteous, You are Mighty”*

Sermon: Ask Anything Week #4

[Grace Alone](#)

### **// Benediction //**

Leader: May the good news of the gospel speak to all that you experience in the next week. May it provide you with an unwavering hope. Go in the name of Jesus our savior,

Peace be with you!

Congregation: And also with you!

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

### **// Pre-Gathering Prayer//**

We come in casually this morning Lord, to something that is not casual at all- you speaking to us through your word. We are here to receive from you. We need it. Let us worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

### **// Call to Worship //**

Leader: It is good to praise the LORD

and make music to your name, O Most High,

to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night,

to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.

For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.

Congregation: How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts!

You, O LORD, are exalted forever.

—from Psalm 92:1-5, 8.

[Revelation Song](#)

## [Cornerstone](#)

### **// Prayer of Confession //**

Our Lord Jesus said:

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’

This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it:

‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

As God has instructed us in these great commandments, and because we have not lived in full obedience,  
let us now confess our sins to God,  
trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord.

—based on Matthew 22:37-40

Leader: Lord, we come to you asking for forgiveness. We admit we are much more comfortable with confession when our sins are spoken about in generalities rather than specifics. But we come to you today with specific people on our minds, specific situations in our lives, that we need to ask your forgiveness for.

Congregation: Lead us to ask forgiveness not only from you as we have violated your law, but also give us the humility to ask forgiveness from those we have hurt and not loved appropriately. We are a sinful people, lead us in new ways. Ways of life rather than ways of selfishness and death. We pray this in the great name of our Savior Jesus. Amen.

### **// Assurance of Pardon //**

Leader: While it is true that we have sinned,

it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God’s love in Jesus Christ.

To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

## [Nothing But the Blood](#)

### **// Passing of the Peace //**

We have hope of the day when our salvation is complete and we shall be saved to sin no more! ...and because of Christ’s resurrection, we too have been raised to walk in newness of life, and are new creations— at peace with God, and at peace with one another. Let’s play an active role and pass that peace to one another now.

*Pastoral Prayer and Offering*

Sermon: Ask Anything Week #3

## [The Wonderful Cross](#)

### **// Benediction //**

(From 1 Thess. 5:23-24)

Leader: May God himself, the God who makes everything holy and whole, make you holy and whole, put you together—spirit, soul, and body—and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ. The One who called you is completely dependable. If he said it, he’ll do it! Go in peace and Peace be with you!

Congregation: And also with you!

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

### Scripture to Meditate On:

Philippians 2:5–7

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

### Reflection Questions:

- In our prayer of confession we considered Jesus’s summary of the law- love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself (from Matthew 22) and since none of us have done that, we thought of just one person we haven’t loved well recently. Who comes to your mind? Repent of a lack of love for that person, ask for and receive the forgiveness you have in Christ. Do you need to ask forgiveness from that person? Consider how you might begin to love them as Jesus calls you to.
- Have you had any times where you shared the gospel with someone and it went well? When it went not so well? What was that like? If they didn't respond well, why do you think that was?
- Pastor Ryan talked about all of our stories following the arc: Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration. If you think about your story, how does it follow that arc? What about other “alternate stories” that you hear and are tempted to believe, how do those fit that same arc?
- Pastor Ryan talked of our response to seeing our pride, how often we see our pride (or other sin) and get anxious feeling like we need to fix it or get rid of it from our life. Instead he suggested that we take that as a gift from God (seeing our sin) and take a moment to proclaim our dependence upon God and our need for Jesus. Do you find yourself getting anxious when you see your sin? Think about a sin you have been made aware of recently, what would it look like to respond like that?

### Suggested Resources

Articles: [The Offensive Law and Salvation Without Regret](#) by Gretchen Ronnevik  
[Buster](#) by Jirucha  
[Remember the Tears](#) by Steve Brown  
[The Idol of Success](#) by Paul Tripp

How-To: [Sharing Your Story](#) by Saturate

Video: [Everyday Discipleship](#) by Jeff Vanderstelt

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

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

### [New City Catechism Question #3](#)

Q: *How many persons are there in God?*

A: There are three persons in the one true and living God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

### [New City Catechism Question #4](#)

How and why did God create us?

God created us male and female in his own image to know him, love him, live with him, and glorify him. And it is right that we who were created by God should live to his glory.

### Questions for Children and Parents to discuss:

- What should be our response when we see our sin?
- How do you talk to your friends about Jesus? If you don't yet, how could you?
- Why does everyone need Jesus?

### Memory Verse

**Ephesians 2:8** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

### Prayer

God, you are great and mighty! There is no one stronger than you. Thank you for loving us with all of your love. Thank you for Jesus who lived a life of perfect love for others. Since you are in us, Jesus, we know that you will love people through us. Help us to be loving instead of hateful, patient instead of grumpy, and joyful instead of hopeless. Give us compassion for others and remind us of how compassionate you are towards us. Even on the days when we are really stinkers. We love you God. Help us to remember how much you love us! We pray for missionaries in other countries tonight. Keep them safe and we pray that lots and lots and lots of people come to know and love Jesus. Amen.

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

**Title:** Ask Anything - Week #3

**Text:** Various

**Watch:** (not currently available, check back on [website](#) or [podcast](#))

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

### *Questions addressed:*

1. How do we approach our friends, neighbors, and coworkers with the gospel? What if they come from different faith backgrounds (Jewish, Hindu, Muslim, etc...)?
2. How can we as Christians express God's love through serving? What does that mean and what does that look like in our Community, Church, and School/Workplace? What did Jesus have to say about serving?
3. I find myself struggling with pride at times. How do we let go of our pride and humble ourselves? I read scripture that says to not see ourselves as "wise in our own eyes" but let us become humble. What does that look like in our day to day life?
4. Ps. 34 says "Turn from evil and do good. Seek peace and pursue it." How do we seek peace?
5. Why do we do liturgy in service?