

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 19th, 2018

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

// Call to Worship //

Leader: As we are called into worship today,
it is sobering to remember
that when God the Son appeared on earth in the person of Jesus,
most of the world did not recognize him
and therefore did not worship him.
Today we ask for the faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is,
that we might worship him in truth.
People of God, behold and see your God!

Congregation: We open our eyes to see his glory.

We open our ears to hear his wisdom.

We open our hands to offer him gifts.

We open our mouths to sing his praise.

We open our hearts to offer him our love.

He is Lord!

[Come As You Are](#)

[Amazing Grace \(My Chains Are Gone\)](#)

// Prayer of Confession //

Leader: Father, you tell us in your Word
that whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

Congregation: We confess that we have frequently relaxed our faith.

We have allowed ourselves to become cynical,

and our cynicism has boiled over

with slander, criticism, prayerless-ness, and pessimism.

Leader: How easily we've allowed ourselves
to crumple under the stresses of our lives.
Forgive us for our smallness of faith.

Congregation: In your mercy, hear us,
for Jesus' sake. Amen.

// Assurance of Pardon //

Congregation: We have been made holy
through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Leader: 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; Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 66

[In Christ Alone](#)

// Passing of the Peace //

Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us 1 John 4:11,12 (NLT)

Let's take this opportunity to do a simple act of love and greet each other here this morning.

Pastoral Prayer and Offering

Sermon

[Hallelujah What A Savior](#)

// Benediction //

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

-Matthew 28:19-20

Leader: Peace be with you!

Congregation: And also with you!

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// 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!

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Scripture to Meditate On:

2 Corinthians 3:18

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Reflection Questions:

- In our *Assurance of Pardon* we stated that Jesus was our deliverer and said He offers us complete freedom- "freedom from guilt, freedom from self-inflicted shame, freedom from sin that keeps us from joy." Consider each of those- guilt, shame, and joy-robbing- how and where do you see those operating in your life? Do you see any patterns? When did that start?
- How would you explain the terms "justification" and "sanctification"? Why are they important to understand in the Christian life? What do they have to do with our everyday lives?
- Take some time to reflect on all you have in your life (people, provisions, accomplishments) and acknowledge all of that as gifts from the very hand of God. Take some time to thank Him and worship Him for his care for you.
- What is a *sacrament*? Why is the Lord's supper important?

Suggested Resources

Definitions of Theological terms: [Terms to Learn](#) by White Horse Inn

Articles: [Word and Sacrament Ministry](#) by Michael Horton (short)

[Word, Water, Supper: The Work of the Spirit](#) by Michael Horton (longer)

[Justification is Simple](#) by Donavon Riley

[The Grace of Sanctification](#) by Ligonier Ministries

Prayer/Devotional: [Giving God His Due and Overdue Thanks](#) by Scotty Smith

Audio: [Home: How Heaven and the New Earth Satisfy our Deepest Longings](#) with Elise Fitzpatrick

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

[New City Catechism - Question 5](#)

Q: What else did God create?

A: God created all things by his powerful Word, and all his creation was very good; everything flourished under his loving rule.

[New City Catechism - Question 6](#)

Q: How can we glorify God?

A: We glorify God by enjoying him, loving him, trusting him, and by obeying his will, commands, and law

Questions for Children and Parents to discuss:

- What do you think is going to be the best part about heaven? (let them be creative and have fun thinking, ie- "riding a dolphin!", but make sure to stress that the BEST thing is that we'll be with Jesus!)
- If doing good things doesn't make God accept you, should we still do kind things for others? Why?
- Can you obey God perfectly? Then how do you know he loves you?

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

Great God, thank you for loving us today. Help us to know you always love us and never stop no matter what. We are so thankful for Jesus who obeyed you perfectly and then died for *our* sin. Give us the kind of love you have, God. A love that forgives and does good to others, even if they don't show it back. Forgive us for our sin. Help us to forgive others as well. We love you God! Amen.

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Title: Ask Anything - Week #4

Text: Various

Watch: <https://cccplainfield.org/sermon/ask-anything-series-week-4>

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

Questions addressed:

1. Is sanctification monergistic or synergistic? Or how do our imperfect works love and sacrifice during the Christian life fit within God's process of making us more like Christ?
2. What is the balance between having self-satisfaction in our accomplishments and the humility in knowing that it is only through Christ that we can do any good at all? Where is there room for healthy, human pride in this situation?
3. How can cliques be avoided and / or dismantled in our church?
4. With an omnipotent God, why is faith required for salvation? Why couldn't God say all are saved regardless of belief?

5. How should we view are loved ones that passed away and we know and trust that they are in Heaven with Jesus?
6. What does the reformed denomination believe about communion? Where do we lie between it is the literal body and blood of Christ and it's nothing more than something we do in "remembrance"? What can we do personally to make communion a more meaningful experience spiritually?
7. How do we approach non-believers with the gospel. When people belittle our beliefs and our faith in Jesus how should we respond?
8. Sin is sin- Not sure how God views sin in terms of degrees- As a father I apply punishment based upon the severity of the mistake by my children. The sin doesn't make my love disappear- but just as I apply punishment does God factor this at all? And if not why did he instill this logic based emotion in his creation and exhibit examples of this especially in the Old Testament?