

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 5th, 2018

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PREPARE FOR THIS 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](#)

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// 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!

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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 //

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!

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Scripture to Meditate On:

1 Corinthians 4:2–3 Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself.

Reflection Questions:

- Read back through our Call To Worship for last Sunday. What part of that do you identify with? What part is really good news to you? What part makes you marvel at King Jesus and why?
- How do you react to criticism about your character or spirituality? Why do you think you react that way? What does that say about your ultimate hope?
- What are some ways we see the image of God displayed in both men and women? What specifically about women tells us more about the character of God?
- Who is someone in our church family that might need encouragement? If someone comes to mind, send them a message, meet them for coffee or a meal, pray for them, etc. If no one comes to mind, ask God to lead you to someone you can encourage.
- Consider your friendships, hopefully you have some deep friendships with other believers who help you continue in the Christian life, but do you also have those who don't agree with you? Those who are different from you in their beliefs and way of life? If so pray that God will help you to love them with a gospel-informed love and help you take opportunities to lovingly talk to them about Jesus. If you don't, pray God would bring along someone for you (or to notice the ones he already has) to whom you can be a loving witness.

Suggested Resources

Articles:

[What About Deaconesses?](#) By Phil Ryken

[5 Things to Remember When You Disagree With Your Church Leaders](#) by Leah Baugh

[It's All Her Fault!](#) By Elyse Fitzpatrick

Devotionals:

[We Owe Love, Even When We're Treated Like Dirt](#) by Steve Brown

Audio:

[The Best Witness We Give Is Our Love For One Another](#) Key Life

[Should Women Preach and Teach in the Church?](#) by Key Life

Video:

[Elyse Fitzpatrick on How She Reads the Bible](#) from Crossway

Female Authors to enjoy:

[Elyse Fitzpatrick](#)

[Jessica Thompson](#)

[Jackie Hill-Perry](#)

[Rosaria Butterfield](#)

[Nancy Guthrie](#)

[Hannah Anderson](#)

[Jen Wilkin](#)

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

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

Encouragement from Pastor Ryan- Hey Parents, I don't have to tell you that life with kiddos can be very busy, but as I think about what we talked about Sunday I am reminded how important it is for our children to see a healthy marriage, parents who love and enjoy each other. So take some time in the next week to spend some unhurried, uninterrupted time together. Maybe it means getting a babysitter (or doing a "trade" with another couple in the church where they take your kids this week and you take theirs next week) or putting the kids to bed a little earlier one night, turning off your phones and just hanging out together. Whatever it is, make it a priority. I know it's tough to do, but your marriage and your kids need it! May God bless our marriages and allow them to proclaim the good news of the gospel to each other, our children, and our neighbors. Amen.

[New City Catechism Question #1](#)

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

A: [younger children] That we are not our own but belong to God

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

[New City Catechism Question #2](#)

Q: What is God?

A: [younger children] God is the creator of everyone and everything

A: [older children] God is the creator and sustainer of everyone and everything. He is eternal, infinite, and unchangeable in his power and perfection, goodness and glory, wisdom, justice, and truth. Nothing happens except through him and by his will.

Questions for Children and Parents to discuss:

- What can you do to make Mom and Dad not love you anymore? (NOTHING! That's right, no matter what you do Mom and Dad will always love you because you are ours.)
- How do we know God loves us with a FOREVER love? (because he made us and because he sent Jesus to save us. If we have faith that Jesus is the savior then God the Father looks at us and loves us exactly like he loves Jesus. And He'll never stop loving Jesus!)

Memory Verse

Romans 5:8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Prayer

Father God, thank you for loving us so much that you sent Jesus to live the perfect life and die on the cross for our sin. Remind us every day of how much you love us. Remind us every day that Jesus is our only hope. Give us love in our hearts for you and love in our hearts for others. Forgive us of our sins and help us to forgive others. We love you God! Amen.

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Title: Ask Anything - Week #2

Text: Various

Watch: <https://cccplainfield.org/sermon/ask-anything-series-week-2/>

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

Questions addressed:

1. What is the Christian way to respond to people who claim to be more "spiritual" than others.
2. What has been the role of women in the Bible from the Old to New Testament? Which woman in the Bible do you feel is most influential and in what ways?
3. How has God intended the role of man and woman to be in marriage and in the role of raising a family?
4. Why are there not more women in leadership roles at our church?
5. How do we address homosexuality as Christians? This is such a hard topic for me as I have very close friends that are gay.
6. How to deal w/ teens/tweens attitudes (or any other person in your life that's difficult for that matter)