

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, September 2nd, 2018

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

// Prayer of Preparation //

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for the privilege of corporate worship—for the joy of gathering with sisters and brothers to boast in Christ, worship by the Spirit, and receive your Word.

Thank you those who will lead us in your worship today. We pray for the singers, musicians, and liturgists. Thank you for your servants who will read and preach your Word to us today. Thank you for the guests and visitors who will gather with us today. May they experience your welcoming heart, the magnificence of your glory, and the riches of your grace. And as we leave the service today, free us to serve you this week with gladness, in everything we think, say, and do. In Jesus' merciful and mighty name we pray, Amen.

// Call to Worship //

Leader: Loving God,
we come to you in worship and thanksgiving.
You are greater than we can understand

Congregation: Open our eyes that we may see the wonderful truths
you have shown to us in Jesus.

Leader: You are more loving than our hearts can respond to;

Congregation: Help us to give ourselves to you in worship
so that we learn what you want us to be.

Leader: You are wiser than we can know;

Congregation: Still our minds as we worship you

so that we can understand the things you are saying to us.

Leader: Loving God, in Jesus
you chose to come to the world in humility.
You chose the path the world saw as foolish.
You used what the world considered weak.

Congregation: We worship and adore you. Amen.

[Grace Alone](#)

[How Deep the Father's Love for Us](#)

// 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 //

Leader: Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.

Congregation: In Christ we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace.

—from Acts 13:38; Ephesians 1:7

[O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing](#)

// Passing of the Peace //

Ephesians 2:17,19

And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.
So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of
the household of God,

Pastoral Prayer and Offering

Sermon: Introduction to Ephesians (Eph 1:1-2)

[Revelation Song](#)

// Benediction //

To those who are called,
who are beloved in God the Father and kept safe for Jesus Christ:
May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance.
(Jude 1-2)

Leader: The Lord be with you!

Congregation: And Also with you!

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// Pre-Service Prayer//

Good morning, Lord. We come to you with much on our hearts and minds. Help us to come to you as we are this morning, knowing you have been with us all week, you've known our thoughts, our actions, our desires, and you love us in the midst of all that. May we come hungry today, hungry for your word, the Word made flesh, Christ himself. Amen.

// Call to Worship //

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.
-Colossians 3:15-16

[All Creatures of our God and King](#)

[The One Who Saves](#)

// Prayer of Confession //

Leader: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

Congregation: We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws.

Leader: We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us.

Congregation: O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.

Leader: Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name. Amen

// Assurance of Pardon //

Leader: Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

-*The Book of Common Worship*, 1946

[*Your Promises*](#)

// Passing of the Peace //

And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Colossians 3:14–15

// Pastoral Prayer and Offering //

[*Awake My Soul*](#)

// Sermon //

“Knowing and Knowing: Reflections From the Life of Peter”

//Communion//

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

[*Blessed Assurance*](#)

// Benediction //

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

-Matthew 28:19–20

Leader: Go now as disciples called to make other disciples through the presence and power of Jesus.

Peace be with you!

Congregation: And also with you!

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

Scripture to Meditate On:

Mark 14:29 - Peter said to him, "Even though they all fall away, I will not."

Reflection Questions:

- In our *Benediction* we read Matthew 28:19-20 where Jesus says "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." What is a 'disciple'? How can you go about making more disciples?
- What have you learned about yourself as a result of your experience with God?
- What do you know about God as a result of an encounter with the real you?

This Weeks Theological Word and Definition:

Sanctification is the fruit of justification. It is the gracious and continuous operation of the Holy Spirit by which He delivers the justified sinner from the pollution of sin, renews his whole nature in the image of God, and enables him to perform good works. Sanctification never reaches perfection in this life (believers continue to struggle with sin), but by virtue of the believer's union with Christ, real conformity to the image of Christ occurs by means of the Word and sacraments.

Suggested Resources

Book: [The Gift of Being Yourself](#) by David Benner

Articles: [Coming to Terms with Our Inadequacy](#) by Silverio Gonzalez
[Henri Nouwen's Weakness was his Strength](#) by Wesley Hill
[Personal Soul Care](#) by Dallas Willard

Devotional: [Be Still and Know that I Am God...](#) by Joy Cofield

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

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

Questions for Children and Parents to discuss:

- What in your life do you need help with from God? What would it be like if God were with you all day long? Good news, He is!
- What are you good at? What are you not good at?
- Why is Jesus so special to you?

New City Catechism Video: [Why Are Catechisms Important?](#)

[New City Catechism Question 7](#)

Q: What does the law of God require?

A: Personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience; that we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbor as ourselves. What God forbids should never be done and what God commands should always be done.

Prayer

God, you are great! You are always with us and always know what is going on in our lives, in our thoughts, and in our desires. Thank you for taking such good care of us and loving us so much. This week we pray for you to give us a deeper knowledge of how much you love us. We also want to pray for the missionaries you have in other countries who are sharing the gospel. Keep them safe and help them start a lot of new churches. We also ask you to help us be missionaries here and share the gospel with our neighbors as we love and serve them. Most of all, thanks for Jesus! We love you God, Amen.

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Title: Knowing God and Knowing God: Reflections from the life of Peter

Text: Various

Watch: <https://cccplainfield.org/sermon/knowing-god-and-knowing-god-reflections-from-the-life-of-peter/>

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

There is a difference in knowing and *knowing*. One is merely a collection of facts and the other involves personal interaction, we might say it is an intimate knowing. If someone didn't know I was married to Kate and said to me, "Hey, do you know Kate Stanley?" I would laugh a bit and say, "Yeah, I know Kate." What I would really be saying is that I more than just "know" her, she's been my wife for 17 years, we're raising 3 kids together, we met when we were teenagers, so it's much more than just "knowing" her.

We might say the same is true about our relationship to God. There is a knowing that is a collection of facts about God and then there is an intimate knowing in which we know Him from personal interaction with Him.

Listen to the sermon and consider the spiritual formation of Peter as Jesus helps him know his true self and the true Jesus. See if you agree with Pastor Ryan's suggestion that knowledge of self and knowledge of God operate in tandem with each other. After listening/watching go through the reflection questions.