

WORSHIP GUIDE | CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

// Review of last Sunday- February 24th

Sermon Text: [Ephesians 6:5-9](#)

Questions to Prepare: Why is my work important? What do my relationships at work say about who I am?
What do they say about who God is?

Songs: [Spotify playlist](#)

Sermon Video: <https://cccplainfield.org/sermon/gospel-reflecting-work/>

Readings:

// Prayer of Preparation //

Lord, as people of the way your joy is our strength.

As we assemble here this morning we ask you fill our worship with the joy of your Spirit.

May joy and gratitude for what you've done for us fill our hearts and minds as we prepare ourselves to meet together as your people and hear from you.

Amen.

// Call to Worship //

“An important characteristic of worship... ..is that it centers on God rather than ourselves and our feelings. Our attention is drawn to the majesty and glory of the triune God, who created all things and by whose power all things are sustained, who was revealed in Jesus Christ, raised from the dead to rule over all things, and who is at work as the giver of life in and among us by the power of the Holy Spirit.” – Book of Common Worship

Leader: The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

All: Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations. Let them praise your great and awesome name—he is holy.

Leader: The King is mighty, he loves justice—you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right.

All: Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.

– Ps 99:1-5

// Prayer of Confession //

Dear Lord, we rejoice that in You we find our hope.

We have tried and failed to manage our lives. We have tried to guard what we say and don't say. We have tried to serve selflessly. We have tried to contain our appetites and desires. We have tried not to judge or condemn. We have tried to control our thoughts. The harder we try, the more obvious it becomes we cannot attain perfection. We confess our brokenness and weakness to You. We humbly thank You for forgiving our sins and washing us clean through the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

// Assurance of Pardon //

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

—Psalm 32:1-2

// Passing of the Peace //

In Christ there is complete peace. Peace with God. Peace with each other. That peace gives us great joy. So let's greet one another here this morning, showing what a joy it is to be together.

// Benediction //

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Go in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and may God's peace be with you.

All: And also with you

Reflection Questions:

- In our Assurance of Pardon we read from Psalm 32 which states, “Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.” How is it that our sins are covered? What are they covered by? Why do they need to be covered?
- Do you see your work as worship towards God? What makes that difficult for you?
- How did you end up in the job you have? As you think of that, where do you see God’s hand and faithfulness? How has he gifted you for your vocation?
- Whose work do you benefit from on a regular basis? How can you encourage them and thank them?

Resources: (SHORT summary and audio) [4 Ways the Gospel Transformers Work](#) by Tim Keller

[Vocation: Discerning your Calling](#) by Tim Keller

[Gospel and Work](#) by Tyler David

FAMILY BIBLE TIME!

READ Together: Ephesians 6:5–7

Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man,

ASK:

- Why does it matter if you obey your teachers or not? (For kids we can substitute the boss/employee language for teacher/student, the idea is the same- those in authority over you)
- How can you listen and obey your teachers from your heart?
- Why do you love Jesus so much?

PRAY:

God, thank you for Jesus. Help us to do everything for Him. Help us to listen to our teachers just like we would listen to you Jesus. Give us opportunities to tell others at our school about Jesus and how he saves sinners. And help us to be so happy that Jesus saves us! We love you God! Amen.

REVIEW

NEW CITY CATECHISM: Question 4

Q: How and why did God create us?

A: 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.

// Prepare for this Sunday- March 3rd

Sermon Text: [Ephesians 6:10-20](#)

Questions to Prepare: Why do Christians need to be strong in the Lord? What's the significance of each piece of armor described?

Songs: [Spotify playlist](#)

Readings:

// Prayer of Preparation //

Prepare our hearts this morning, Lord. Prepare us to hear from you. Prepare us to be encouraged, convicted, and comforted by your word. We pray for those involved in leading us today, may they be filled with joy and be assured that you have gifted them to serve your church today. Thank you for this time together. Amen.

// Call to Worship //

In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.
They will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment.
You will roll them up like a robe;
like a garment they will be changed.
But you remain the same,
and your years will never end.
-Hebrews 1:10-13

// Prayer of Confession //

Leader: Gracious God, we are a people formed by your Word in Christ; but we have wandered away from your truth,

All: we have broken your commandments,
we have distorted your teachings to serve our own ends, we have failed to trust your promises,
we have refused your mercy.

Leader: Ground us again, O Holy One, in the written wisdom of Scripture and in the living Word which is Christ Jesus. Nourish us on the bread of his teachings until we can taste your goodness. Renew us at the fountain of his wisdom, so we may find joy in obedience and freedom in giving ourselves to you.

All: Amen

// Assurance of Pardon //

Hear the promises of God to those who repent of their sins and trust in Christ..

God is slow to anger and full of compassion. He forgives all who humbly repent and trust in his Son as Saviour and Lord. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.
(Exodus 34:6-7; Romans 8:1)

// Passing of the Peace //

As those who know that peace only truly comes through Christ our Savior, take a moment to greet one another in the peace of Christ.

//Communion //

Leader: God meets us in the sacraments, holy acts in which his deeds elicit our response. In the supper our Lord offers the bread and cup to believers to guarantee our share in his death and resurrection, and to unite us to him and to each other.

All: We take this food gladly, announcing as we eat that Jesus is our life and that he shall come again to call us to the Supper of the Lamb.

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