

# WORSHIP GUIDE | CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

// Review of last Sunday- March 10

**Sermon Text:** [Ephesians 6:13-23](#)

**Questions to Prepare:** Where else in the Bible is there a description of battle armor?

**Songs:** [Spotify playlist](#)

**Sermon Video:** <https://cccplainfield.org/sermon/the-armor-of-god/>

## Readings:

### // Prayer of Preparation //

Lord God, in this season of Lent we look forward to our remembrance of Jesus' death and our celebration of his resurrection. We pray that your Spirit will renew in us today our anticipation for these events and our awareness that Jesus' death and resurrection are a sure source of hope and life. In the power of Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### // Call to Worship //

Leader: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

All: We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Leader: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

All: We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

All: We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice!

—based on Isaiah 43:19-21

### // Prayer of Confession //

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Trusting ourselves to the grace of God, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

—based on Isaiah 55:6-7

### // Assurance of Pardon //

Leader: Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. In Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!  
—based on Joel 2:13; 2 Corinthians 9:15

### // Passing of the Peace //

If Christ is your Savior, His peace is yours! Enjoy the peace he gave us by passing it to others. Take a moment to greet those around you.

### // Benediction //

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.  
- 1 Timothy 1:15

Leader: Go as ambassadors of this message. Grace and Peace be with you.

All: And also with you

**Reflection Questions:**

- In our *Prayer of Confession* we went to God confessing our sins, trusting that “ he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.” Each of us struggle to believe that God will abundantly pardon us. We think he gets tired of our confession, we think he will “minimally pardon”. What are some reasons you are slow to believe God will “abundantly pardon”?
- What part of the armor sticks out to you as very important or currently needed in your life? Why?
- If we consider spiritual warfare as more of an everyday occurrence, in the mundane things of life, where would you say you see the war raging in your life?
- What is your typical reaction to accusation and temptation from Satan? Do you have any scriptures that help you when you feel tempted? If so what are they?
- Is there anyone around you who needs protection from the onslaught of the evil one? If so, how can you help them, encourage them, and pray for them?

**Resources:**

Prayer Guide: [Prayer Guide: Psalm 21](#) by Strategic Renewal  
 Devotional: [Keep Reading Your Bible](#) by Paul Tripp (devotional)  
 Article: [Ash Wednesday: The Immortality Bus](#) by Ethan Richardson  
 Video: [Russell Moore on Spiritual Warfare](#) (video)

## FAMILY BIBLE TIME!

READ Together: Ephesians 6:13 (for the little ones) or Ephesians 6:13-17 (for older children)

**ASK:**

- Why is it important that this is the armor “of God”?
- What’s difficult for you to understand or believe about there being an actual devil? What questions do you have?
- How do we know Jesus has won and the devil is actually defeated?
- How does the devil try to trick and lie to people? What can help us when he tries to lie to us?

**REVIEW:**

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**Q:** *Does Christ’s death mean all our sins can be forgiven?*

**A:** Yes, because Christ’s death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God graciously imputes Christ’s righteousness to us as if it were our own and will remember our sins no more.

**PRAY:**

Awesome God. We know Jesus defeated Satan on the cross and through His resurrection, but we sometimes forget and don't believe. And sometimes we are fooled. Help us to know the bible and believe the truth. Help us to remind each other that we are God’s children and He loves us to the moon and back! Help us to obey you and do what is right. Help us to love and protect others also. We love you God. Amen!

## // Prepare for this Sunday- March 17th

**Sermon Text:** [Ephesians 1-6](#)

**Questions to Prepare:** What has God taught you in our trek through Ephesians? What questions do you have as a result of the sermons? What do you need to still reflect on? What section of the book stick out to you most and why?

**Songs:** [Spotify playlist](#)

### **Readings:**

#### **// Prayer of Preparation //**

Gracious and All-knowing God, we are here to worship you. We are here to hear from you. You have been faithful to us all week. You have provided for us. You have never left us. You have kept us in Christ. Let us be reminded of that and worship you together as your people. Amen.

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

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.  
-Revelation 5:11-14

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

Leader: Lord Jesus, We are blind

**All: Be our light**

Leader: We are ignorant

**All: Be our wisdom**

Leader: We are self-willed

**All: Be our mind**

Leader: Open our ears to understand Your Spirit's voice. Melt our conscience and remove its hardness. Awaken us to the slightest touch of evil

**All: When Satan tempts us, remind us of your wounds; that your blood streamed to wash us clean**

Leader: We were strangers, outcasts, slaves, and rebels, but Your cross has brought us near  
**All: Help us to love You as You have loved us Open our eyes to see Your beauty and be fully satisfied in You.**

-Adapted from The Valley Of Vision

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

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, you were by nature children of wrath, like all of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus  
For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,  
-Adapted from Ephesians 2:1-9

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

Just as the peace of Christ has brought us great joy, let us extend that joy to others by welcoming one another here this morning.

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

Leader: God has revealed Himself to you. God has saved you. You are his ambassadors. Go proclaim his gospel so others can know of this good news!  
Go in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you!

**All: And also with you**