

WORSHIP GUIDE | CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

// Review of last Sunday- March 17

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](#)

Sermon Video: <https://cccplainfield.org/sermon/a-review-of-ephesians-what-we-learned/>

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!

Reflection Questions:

- In our *Assurance of Pardon* we read from Ephesians 2 where Paul says that salvation was by grace and not our own doing, but a gift of God. What confuses you about salvation being all of God and a gift? What gives you joy about salvation being all of God?
- What verse(s) stick out to you from Ephesians? Spend some time reading and meditating on that verse(s) and thank God for the truth contained in them.
- Consider the whole book of Ephesians, what is the main message you come away with from the book?
- Pray. Pray the two prayers in Ephesians (1:15-23 & 3:14-21) for yourself, then for our church, then imagine Jesus praying those over you.

Resources:

Prayer Guide: [Ephesians 2 Prayer Guide](#) by Strategic Renewal

Article: [The Resurrection and Christian Mission](#) by Tim Keller

Video: [Summary of Ephesians](#) by Bible Project

FAMILY BIBLE TIME

READ Together: Ephesians 2:8

ASK:

- What does it mean that we have been saved? Saved from what? Saved how?
- What does it mean that we've been saved by grace?
- What does it mean saved *through faith*?

REVIEW:

[NEW CITY CATECHISM | Question 20](#)

Q: Who is the Redeemer?

A: *The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, in whom God became man and bore the penalty for sin himself.*

PRAY:

Good evening God. Thank you for listening to us tonight, and for always being with us, and for always providing for us. Forgive us for our hateful words, our selfishness, and our disobedience. Thank you for Jesus and forgiveness of all our sins. Help us to listen to you and do what you lead us to do. Help us to believe you are in control. We love you God. Amen.

// Prepare for this Sunday- March 17th

Sermon Text: [Jonah 1](#)

Questions to Prepare: What do you know about Jonah? In what ways does Jonah point us to Jesus?

Songs: [Spotify playlist](#)

Readings:

// Prayer of Preparation //

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// Call to Worship //

Shout your praises to God, everybody! Let loose and sing! Strike up the band!
Round up an orchestra to play for God, Add on a hundred-voice choir.
Feature trumpets and big trombones, Fill the air with praises to King God.
Let the sea and its fish give a round of applause, With everything living on earth joining in.
Let ocean breakers call out, "Encore!" And mountains harmonize the finale—
A tribute to God when he comes,
When he comes to set the earth right.
He'll straighten out the whole world,
He'll put the world right, and everyone in it.
- based on Psalm 98:4-9

// Prayer of Confession //

I, a poor sinner, acknowledge before you, my God and Creator, that I have terribly and in many ways sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, despondency, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful affections, as you, my Lord and God, know well, and I cannot deeply enough deplore. But I repent of these things, and am sorry for them, and heartily ask you for mercy, for the sake of your beloved Son Jesus Christ. Amen.
- From the 1585 Reformed Liturgy of the Palatinate

// Assurance of Pardon //

Look to the cross of thy beloved Son,
and view the preciousness of his atoning blood;
Listen to his never-failing intercession,
and whisper to my heart, 'Thy sins are forgiven,
be of good cheer, lie down in peace.'
-"The Prayer of Love", The Valley of Vision

// Passing of the Peace //

We are more than individuals here today, we are a family, God has adopted us and loves us. Let's take a moment to greet one another with the peace of Christ.

// Benediction //

Leader: Christ has not forgotten you. Christ has not overlooked you. He is has spoken to you today and will be with you all week long.
Go from here as his people, proclaiming his Good News to a world who desperately needs it.
Peace be with you!
All: And also with you