

WORSHIP GUIDE | CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

// Review of last Sunday- March 31

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](#)

Sermon Audio/Video: <https://cccplainfield.org/sermon/jonah-the-prodigal-prophet>

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 //

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

Reflection Questions:

- In our *Prayer of Confession* we stated that we have sinned “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.” Take a few minutes and ask God to reveal any of those that are currently in your heart. Pause and just listen, then repent of those sins. Finally, thank God for Christ who washes you from all your sin.
- How is what you heard on Sunday about the book of Jonah different from what you’ve thought or heard previously?
- How is your life centered around what you think your life should be? If God were calling you to something more, what would that look like?

Resources:

Devotional: [Running Away From God](#) by Ligonier:

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

FAMILY WORSHIP LITURGY

We hope you continue worshipping God throughout the week in all aspects of your life. One way to do that together as a family is to have a time of worship together. It's simple, coming together for 10 minutes with your family and go through the following Liturgy. We hope it helps you grow together and focus your week on Jesus.

READ the sermon passage together. (Jonah 1:1-3)

ASK a couple questions regarding those verses

- What was Jonah running from?
- How is Jesus the “better Jonah”?

PRAY in response to the text, and/or for local churches in our area.

“Great God, we need to ask your forgiveness. We are certainly running from you in some way in our lives. Forgive us and help us. Help us to have faith to know your way is good and we can trust you. May we help and encourage one another to follow you as well. And thanks most of all for Jesus because he was our faithfulness. We love him so much! Thanks God, you’re the best. Amen!

SING a song (like the ‘Doxology’)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen

MEMORIZE 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 17th

Sermon Text: [Jonah 1:4-17](#)

Questions to Prepare: How would you describe Jonah's heart in Jonah 1:4-17?

Songs: [Spotify playlist](#)

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 //

Psalm 148 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created. And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and maidens together, old men and children! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him.

ALL: Praise the LORD!

// Prayer of Confession //

Heavenly Father, we can't help but see our weakness and failure... and we've experienced all kinds of pain and suffering. Yet we can find hope in the unending mercy of Jesus. He saw us in our spiritual poverty, and had compassion, became

one of us, and showered us with mercy. Teach us to believe that through him, though we're spiritually poor, we're rich in Christ. And because of his example, we can look upon those in need around us and know that we're no different – just as needy, just as desperate, just as dependent. Thank you for your abundant mercy on our poor souls. In Jesus name we pray, amen!

// Assurance of Pardon //

Leader: For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

ALL: So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

Leader: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! *2 Corinthians 5:16-17*

// Passing of the Peace //

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

// Benediction //

Leader: May Christ's generosity towards sinners like you and I compel us to share the hope of the Gospel with a lost and dying world. May you feel and experience the reality that Jesus Christ, our Lord, is with you always. Go and share this good news in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Peace be with you all!

All: And also with you