

WORSHIP GUIDE | CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

// Review of last Sunday- March 31

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

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

Songs: [Spotify playlist](#)

Sermon Video/Audio: <https://cccplainfield.org/sermon/spiritual-slumber/>

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! 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

Reflection Questions:

- In our *Assurance of Pardon* we read *2 Corinthians 5:16-17*, which states- “So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view.” What does this mean? Why would it be important for us to no longer view others from a “worldly point of view”?
- What stuck with you from Sunday’s sermon? What was unique in the way Pastor Ryan taught Jonah from what you’ve heard or read previously?
- How does God’s pursuit of Jonah fit with who God is in the rest of scripture?
- Where in your life does your theology and actions not line up? Repent and ask for God’s help.

Resources:

Article: [The Jonah Factor](#) by Rich McCaskill

Devotional: [Jonah, Son of Amittai](#) by Ligonier

Video: [How to Make Disciples](#) by Jeff Vanderstelt

// 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 Jonah 1:7-16

REVIEW

- Retell this part of the story in your own words
- What would you say about Jonah from these verses?

PRAY

God, we know our hearts can be just like Jonah’s. We often neglect your call to join you in your mission to tell people about sin and grace. We ask for your forgiveness. We ask you help us to speak to those around us who don't know Jesus. We pray for (neighbors) and (friends from school) and (family members) and ask you give us opportunities to talk to them about Jesus. Thank you for loving us so much, God. We love you too! Amen.

MEMORIZE [New City Catechism Question #29](#)

Q: How can we be saved?

A: Only by faith in Jesus Christ..... (continued for older children) and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross; so even though we are guilty of having disobeyed God and are still inclined to all evil, nevertheless, God, without any merit of our own but only by pure grace, imputes to us the perfect righteousness of Christ when we repent and believe in him.

// Prepare for this Sunday- April 7th

Sermon Text: Luke 22:24-34; 54-62

Questions to Prepare: Why is brokenness a necessary to the Christian life? Have you ever been broken by God? What was that like?

Songs: [Spotify playlist](#)

Readings:

// Prayer of Preparation //

Gracious God, we come to worship you today with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Tell us again of your call to follow you. Tell us again of how you are trustworthy and you are leading us. Tell us again that you are sovereign and only have planned what is best for us. May these things go from our head to our hearts today. Amen.

// Call to Worship //

L: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble.

L: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

C: For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

-Psalm 107:1-2, 8-9

// Prayer of Confession //

Forgive us, O Lord, for everything that spoils our home life:
for the moodiness and irritability that make us difficult to live with, for the insensitivity that makes us careless of the feelings of others, for the selfishness that makes life harder for others.

Forgive us, O Lord, for everything that spoils our witness for you; that we so often deny with our lives what we say with our lips;
for the difference between our creed and our conduct,
our profession and our practice;
for any example that makes it easier for people to criticize your church or for another to sin.

When we think of ourselves and of the meanness and ugliness and weakness of our lives, we thank you for Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Grant unto us a true penitence for our sins.

// Assurance of Pardon //

Grant that at the foot of the cross we may find our burdens rolled away. And so strengthen us by your Spirit that in the days to come we may live more nearly as we ought.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

// Passing of the Peace //

Jesus is our Peace. He has restored us to God. Lets enjoy that peace by greeting one another here this morning.

// 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.

// Benediction //

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (2 Corinthians 13:13)

All: And also with you