

WORSHIP GUIDE | CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

// Review of last 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](#)

Sermon Audio/Video: <https://cccplainfield.org/sermon/god-is-going-to-break-you-and-youre-gonna-love-it/>

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!

Reflection Questions:

- In our *Prayer of Confession* we asked for forgiveness 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.” Which of those most often describes you? When do you notice that in yourself? Has that always been true of you or is it a later development?
- Think of the story of the bible... Why is brokenness needed before you can be of any use to God?
- What are some times/seasons of brokenness in your life and how have you responded?
- Read Luke 22:54-62 and imagine yourself there watching and listening to the conversation, what do you notice? How does it make you feel? What does it say about you?

Resources:

Articles: [Don't Tell Hurting People That God is in Control](#) by Chad Bird
[What is a Theology of the Cross?](#) By Robert Kolb

Devotional: [Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial](#) by Ligonier

// 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 Luke 22:54-62

REVIEW

- Retell the story in your own words
- What would make Peter deny Christ?
- How does Jesus feel about Peter after Peter denied him?
- What does denying Christ look like in your life? How do you know you're forgiven?

PRAY

Gracious and merciful God, thank you for loving us even though we deny you with our words, actions, and heart. Thank you for Jesus our Savior who is the ultimate love and devotion of God. You are devoted to us even though we are so often not devoted to you. May your unending love and acceptance of us give us a bigger and bigger love for you. Help us, we pray. Amen.

MEMORIZE [New City Catechism Question #1](#)

Q: What is our only hope in life and death?

A: That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God and to our Savior Jesus Christ.

// Prepare for this Sunday- April 7th

Sermon Text: Jonah 1:17-2:10

Questions to Prepare: What do you notice in Jonah's prayer? How do you perceive Jonah at this point in the story?

Songs: [Spotify playlist](#)

Readings:

// Prayer of Preparation //

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for the calling, privilege, and importance of worshiping together on the Lord's Day. Because it's a calling, we dare not dismiss it easily, or take it lightly. Because it's you we get to meet with, may we come prepared, expectant, and evermore grateful. Amen.

// Call to Worship //

Praise the LORD!

For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

-Psalm 147:1-6

// Prayer of Confession //

Holy and righteous God, we confess that like Isaiah, we are a people of unclean lips. But it is not only unclean lips we possess. We are people with unclean hands and unclean hearts.

We have broken your law times without number, and are guilty of pride, unbelief, self-centeredness and idolatry. Affect our hearts with the severity of our sin and the glory of your righteousness as we now acknowledge our sins in your holy presence.

Leader: We have had other gods before you. We have worshipped and served the creature rather than the creator. We have sought satisfaction in this world's pleasures rather than in You.

All: We have loved to praise our own glory more than yours.

Leader: We have taken your name in vain. We have prayed religious prayers to impress others.

We have uttered your name countless times without reverence or love. We have listened to others use your name in vain without grieving.

All: We have murdered in our hearts.

Leader: We have often destroyed our neighbor with our tongues. We have been quick to uncharitably judge others.

We have considered revenge when we were sinned against.

All: We have committed adultery with our eyes.

We have no answer. But God Himself has mercifully provided one for us.

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Is. 53:6)
Grant unto us a true penitence for our sins.

// Assurance of Pardon //

God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. -Colossians 1:13,14

// Passing of the Peace //

Just as we have received peace from Jesus, we are disciples who are learning to cultivate peace among one another. As a simple display of that, let's greet one another here this morning.

// Benediction //

Leader: May the God from whom you have just heard, give you the words to share with your neighbors and friends who also need the good news of the gospel.

Go from here in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you