

# WORSHIP GUIDE | CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

**GOOD FRIDAY** Apr 19 @7pm (with The Source Church)

**EASTER** Apr 21 @ 10am

// Review of last Sunday- April 14th

**Sermon Text:** Jonah 1:17-2:10

**Questions to Prepare:** What do you notice in Jonah's prayer? How do you perceive Jonah's spiritual state?

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

**Sermon Video:** <https://cccplainfield.org/sermon/grace-at-the-bottom/>

## 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 //

"A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!'"

ALL: In praise we adore you, King Jesus.

Enter our hearts today

as you entered Jerusalem long ago.

and lead us by faith in the way everlasting. Amen.

—based on John 12:13

### // Prayer of Confession //

Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and then later pronounced "*Crucify him,*" we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Remembering the events of Jesus' last week helps us see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a Savior, a Savior—praise God—we have in Christ. In honesty and hope, we confess now our sins to God.

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, that our faith is often more

show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing.

Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. Amen.

### // Assurance of Pardon //

Let those who fear the Lord say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."

Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

In Christ, God answers us and sets us free! In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

—based on Psalm 118:4-5, 14, 17

### // 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!

### Reflection Questions:

- In our *Prayer of Confession* we confessed we are just like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and then later pronounced “Crucify him” because we are we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Consider that for a few moments. How do you often deny Christ in your thoughts, words, and deeds (think not only about moral actions but also a lack of trusting Him and His word)
- Reflect on this scripture: *Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. Hebrews 5:8*. What does it tell you about God? What does it tell you about Jesus? How does it inform our view of the Christian life?
- In what ways is the gospel good news to sufferers? How has it been good news when you have suffered?

### Resources:

Articles: [“I’ve repented. Why do my past sins keep haunting me?”](#) by Michael Horton  
[Strength in Weakness](#) by Keri Folmar

Devotional: [God Rescues Jonah](#) by Ligonier Ministries

## // 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** [“Liftoff”](#) from book [Thoughts That Make Your Heart Sing](#) by Sally Lloyd-Jones

### REVIEW

- Why is our weakness so useful to God?
- Why do we try to be strong instead of weak?
- Why is the death of Jesus so important to us?

### PRAY

Gracious God, thank you for speaking to us through the bible. We love to hear from you. Grow us to love the bible more and more. Help us to accept that we are weak, but you are strong. Help us depend upon you instead of being confident in ourselves. And thank you sooooo much for Jesus dying on the cross for our sins and raising to new life! We can't wait to celebrate Good Friday and Easter! Thanks for loving us and forgiving us. 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 **GOOD FRIDAY**- April 19th

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

### **Readings:**

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

Today we remember the great and terrible day that the carpenter's hands were nailed to the cross, the King of kings was crowned with thorns and wears a purple robe of mockery.

But this was the day He set us free, Himself imprisoned on a tree. Today is God's Friday.

Let's worship Him together.

#### **// Confession and Assurance //**

Holy and righteous God, we confess that like "Oh crucified Jesus, Son of the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, the eternal Word of God, we worship you.

Jesus, you are the holy temple of God, the dwelling place of the Most High, the gate of heaven, the burning flame of God's love. You are a sanctuary of justice and love, you are full of kindness, and the source of all faithfulness.

You are the Lamb of God, the bearer of our sins, and the redeemer of the world. You were betrayed, mistreated, denied, rejected, and suffered death on a cross for us. Now you live and reign forever as our victorious King

We worship You!"

"What I could not do, God did, and in doing it, He did it all, sending His own Son into the world to die on the cross for my sins, thereby showing me unfathomable love. God loved me so much that he was willing to suffer the loss of His Son, and even more amazingly, He was willing to allow His Son to suffer the loss of Him at the cross. Jesus loved me so much that he was willing to lay down His life for me. No one could ever love me more or better than Jesus." The Gospel Primer by Milton Vincent

#### **// Scripture Reading //**

Reading 1: Mark 15:1-15

Reading 2: Mark 15:16-32

Reading 3: Mark 15:33-39

## // Prepare for **EASTER** - April 21st

**Questions to Prepare:** If the resurrection didn't happen what does that do to our faith? How does the resurrection matter to our daily lives?

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

### **Readings:**

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

God of life, we praise you for the miracle of Easter.

We pray for great joy for ourselves and for all who come to worship today to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. We pray especially for those who will join us for worship and whose lives are filled with pain, loss, or deep sadness. May they sense how the resurrection is a source of great hope. Amen.

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

Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and may have it to the full." — John 10:10

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

Leader: If, at times, we deny you, God forgive.

When the risks of discipleship are high, and we are nowhere to be found

When we wash our hands of responsibility:

When we cast our lot with powerful oppressors and seek to buy freedom with silver  
When fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth, or prejudice keeps us from believing it

**All: God forgive us.**

Leader: In the bright light of Easter morning, O God, our sin is exposed, and your grace is revealed.

Gracious God, raise us in your love so that, with joy, we may witness to your awesome deeds, in the name of Jesus, the risen one. Amen.

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

To all and to each, on his community and on his friends, where regret is real, Jesus pronounces his pardon and grants us the right to begin again. Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

Easter Sunday is the glorious declaration that we have peace with God. We also have peace with one another, so with that in mind let's extend peace to each other with a greeting this morning.

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

Give us grace, we humbly ask you,

to be ever willing and ready to minister,

as you enable us, to the necessities of our brothers and sisters, and to extend the blessings of your kingdom over all the world, to your praise and glory, God over all, blessed forever. Amen.