

WORSHIP GUIDE | CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

// Review of *Resurrection Sunday*- 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?

Sermon Text: [1 Corinthians 15:14-19](#)

Songs: [Spotify playlist](#)

Sermon Video/Audio: <https://cccplainfield.org/sermon/hope-in-the-resurrection/>

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.

Reflection Questions:

- In our *Passing of the Peace* we said that we have peace with God and peace with one another. What does the resurrection have to do with our peace with one another? Who is someone who you have experienced that resurrection peace from? How has it been a blessing to you?
- Pastor Ryan said that Jesus extends to us an invitation to "Be Eastered", what does that mean? How is someone "Eastered"?
- Why is the resurrection the hope of Christianity?
- CS Lewis said there are only three options for who Jesus was- Lord, Liar, or Lunatic. Why are those the only choices? Why can't Christianity just be another religious option?

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.

Resources:

Articles: [He Will Easter You](#) by Chad Bird
[Resurrection and Justification](#) by RC Sproul

Prayer: [A Prayer of Great Joy for Easter Sunday](#) by Scotty Smith

// 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

1 Corinthians 15:20

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

REVIEW

- How do we know Jesus can raise us from the dead?
- Explain "first fruits" (The term "firstfruits" (Gk. *aparchē*) refers to a first sample of an agricultural crop that indicates the nature and quality of the rest of the crop; therefore, Christ's resurrection body gives a foretaste of what those of believers will be like. - ESV Study Bible)
- What is the best part to you about the fact that we'll have new bodies and be with Jesus??

PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank you for loving us so much. Thank you for giving Jesus for us. Jesus thank you for giving us hope of a new life with you through your resurrection. We can't wait to be with you forever. Help us to share the good news about you with our neighbors, friends, classmates, and whoever else you put in our day. You are faithful to the end. No one will ever love us like Jesus! We love you! Amen.

MEMORIZE [New City Catechism Question #27](#)

Q: Are all people, just as they were lost through Adam, saved through Christ?

A: No, only those who are elected by God and united to Christ by faith. Nevertheless God in his mercy demonstrates common grace even to those who are not elect, by restraining the effects of sin and enabling works of culture for human well-being.

// Prepare for Next Sunday- April 28th

Sermon Text: [Jonah 3](#)

Questions to Prepare: How do you think the book is going to proceed, after Jonah's near death experience, his prayer of praise and thankfulness, how will he respond now that God gave him a restart?

Songs: [Spotify playlist](#)

Readings:

// Prayer of Preparation //

Gracious God, we come to you today as those who should never be called worshippers and much less "righteous". But we are reminded today that we don't come on our merit, but on the merit of the Righteous One Himself, Jesus Christ. Fill our hearts with joy as we sing to you. Open our ears that we might hear what you have to say to us today. In Jesus, Amen.

// Call to Worship //

Psalm 147:1-6

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.

// Prayer of Confession & Assurance //

Dear heavenly Father, yet again, your grace has generated our grief, and your kindness now leads us to

repentance. There is no other god like you—so holy and so merciful, so welcoming and so eager to redeem, so patient and so filled with unfailing love. Hear our confession.

We confess caring more about what others think about us than what they think about you.

We confess that it's easier for us to share gossip than to share the gospel.

We confess we often manipulate people for our good, rather than serve them for your glory.

We confess binging on fear and worry, rather than feasting on grace and feeding our faith

We confess hoarding our brokenness and weakness, rather than letting friends enter our pain and suffering.

We confess indulging irritation and justifying our resentment, rather than forbearing with others and forgiving as Jesus has forgiven us.

Have mercy on us, Father, have mercy on me. If you dealt with us according to our sins, we could not stand. If you repaid us for all our transgressions, we would despair forever.

But our hope is sure, for it is built on nothing less, nothing more, and nothing other than Jesus' blood and righteousness. We bless you, Father, for the gift of Jesus—for his perfect life lived for us, and his judgment- exhausting death on the cross. As you have forgiven us, and declared us righteous in Christ, so change us and make us more like Jesus. So very Amen we pray, in Jesus' merciful and mighty name.

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