

WORSHIP GUIDE | CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

// Review of Last Sunday- May 12th

Sermon Text: Jonah 1-4

Questions to Prepare: What does Jonah teach us about God? What does Jonah teach us about us?

Songs: [Spotify playlist](#)

Sermon Audio/Video: <https://cccplainfield.org/sermon/lies-we-made-up-and-jonah-destroys/>

Readings:

// Prayer of Preparation //

God who is near, we come here on your invitation. Not entirely sure what you have for us this morning, but trusting it is exactly what we need. You know us better than we know ourselves and you know exactly what we need. You have been with us all week. You will be with us all this week. Help us to trust you. To trust you are good and you are with us. Remind us again this morning. Amen.

// Call to Worship //

"For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost." - Luke 19:10

// Prayer of Confession & Assurance //

Psalm 32:1-3 Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

Romans 8:1 There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ.

Dear heavenly Father, for the welcome we receive as we come into your presence, we praise you; For the freedom to call you Abba, Father, we adore you; For the assurance of your daily mercies and steadfast love, we worship you.

There is no other god like you—none more worthy to be loved with all our heart and soul, mind and strength. You know our weaknesses, and do not despise them. You know our brokenness, and will not

shame us. You know our sorrows, and are filled with compassion. You know our foolishness, and promise more grace.

With our eyes fixed on Jesus—the author and perfecter of our faith, we ask you to forgive us. Forgive us hurting people we love by our impatience and irritation, by our lack of listening and our unkept promises. Forgive us for thinking of ourselves more highly than we ought, and thinking of others less compassionately than they deserve.

Forgive us for giving more power to what others say about us in public, than what you say about us in heaven. Forgive us for being too busy to behold your beauty in your Word; meditate on your mercies in Christ, and hear you sing to us in the gospel. Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on me. Our hope is built on nothing less, nothing more and nothing other, than Jesus' blood and righteousness. We trust in his finished work, not in our vain promises. Amen

// Passing of the Peace //

If you are in Christ, God has brought you into a relationship of peace with Himself. Let's greet one another as people who live in relationships marked by peace

// Benediction //

Leader: Jesus Christ is the head of His church. The church will prevail because Christ has won. Go with confidence in Christ, the King of kings and the Lord of Lords. And may His peace be with you!

All: And also with you!

Reflection Questions:

- In our *Prayer of Confession & Assurance* we asked for forgiveness for giving more weight to what others say than what God says about us... What is the worst thing someone could say about you? Why is that comment so hurtful to you? What is something God says about you that will brighten any day?
- What has stuck with you from our study of Jonah?

- What did you learn about God? What did you learn about you?
- If you had to summarize the book of Jonah with a phrase or sentence, what would it be?

Quote:

From C.S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*

After Mr. Beaver tells Susan that Aslan is a lion she responds: "Ooh, I'd thought he was a man. Is he quite safe? I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion"...

"Safe?" said Mr Beaver ... "Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you."

Resources:

Article: [Scandalous, Damnable Divine Love: Jonah Takes God to Task](#) by Chad Bird

Summary of Jonah Video: <https://youtu.be/dLlabZc0O4c>

Jonah summary poster: <https://thebibleproject.com/view-resource/240>

// 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.

RE-TELL IT Let each person tell the account of Jonah without using the Bible. Then read it from the scriptures, how did each of you do? What did you not mention or forget?

REVIEW

- What did you learn about God from the book of Jonah?

PRAY Great God, your love is unbelievable. We wonder sometimes why you keep loving us so much. We don't always love you or others like we should. Then we remember that Jesus has saved us and gave us his perfect righteousness so now you have only love for us. That really makes us happy. Remind us of that a lot this week. We love you God! Help us to love others like you love us.

MEMORIZE [New City Catechism Question #19](#)

Q: Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back into God's favor?

[short version] A: Yes, God reconciles us to himself by a Redeemer.

[longer version] A: Yes, to satisfy his justice, God himself, out of mere mercy, reconciles us to himself and delivers us from sin and from the punishment for sin, by a Redeemer.

SING! "Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me! This I know,
 For the Bible tells me so;
 Little ones to Him belong,
 They are weak but He is strong.
 Yes, Jesus loves me!
 Yes, Jesus loves me!
 Yes, Jesus loves me!
 The Bible tells me so.

// Prepare for Next Sunday- May 19th

Sermon Text: Four Liberating Truths About God: Week 1 - God is Great

Questions to Prepare: How does knowing the greatness, power, and control of God make your life different from those who don't know those things?

Songs: [Spotify playlist](#)

Readings:

// Prayer of Preparation //

O God, by your power may we, with all the saints, comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.

—based on Ephesians 3:18-19

// Call to Worship //

People of God, worship the living God today!
Remember that out of nothing God created the heavens and earth. Remember that God raised Jesus from the powerlessness of death to the power of his right hand.
Remember that not even the gates of hell can stand against God's purposes.
Behold your God, who reigns now and forever!

// Prayer of Confession //

O God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ.
We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.
We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibilities in our service, our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.
ALL: Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. Amen.

// Assurance of Pardon //

As we see the height of our sin, we know it is insurmountable for us. In being honest with ourselves we realize our only hope is Christ. So now we cling to your promise.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace
Ephesians 1:7

// Passing of the Peace //

God has extended peace to us in the person of Jesus Christ. In that same spirit let's take few minutes to extend peace to one another this morning.

// Benediction //

Leader: May the Lord bless you and keep you. He is faithful, He will do it.

Go in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. His presence and his peace be with you!

All: And also with you!