

WORSHIP GUIDE | CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

// Review of Last Sunday- May 19th

Sermon Text: [Hebrews 2:8](#)

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?

Sermon Video/Audio: <https://cccplainfield.org/sermon/god-is-great-so-we-dont-have-to-be-in-control/>

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!

Reflection Questions:

- o In our *Call to Worship* we said: "Remember that not even the gates of hell can stand against God's purposes. Behold your God, who reigns now and forever!" What worry, fear, anxiety, guilt, or shame feeling do you have that needs to hear that truth today?
- o What are the things in your life that feel out of control? When have you felt most out of control in your life?
- o What do you distract yourself with or escape with in the midst of feeling your life is not under your control? Why do you think you turn to that? What are you looking for and how might that be better found in the truth of God's word?
- o How is Hebrews 2:8 good news to you?
"Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him." -Hebrews 2:8

Psalm for further reflection: [Psalm 29](#)

Resources:

Devotional: [Why Sovereignty Matters](#) by Ligonier

Articles: ["I'm Fully in Control of This Situation and Four other Delicious Lies"](#) by Chad Bird

["Control is Just an Illusion, but Love Cast Out Fear \(in Disney's Frozen\)"](#) by Brandi Midkiff

// 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

Hebrews 2:8

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him.

REVIEW

- What is something you wish you were in control of? The weather, the future, your parents, animals, etc...
- Think about NOTHING being outside of Jesus' control. What does that mean for your everyday life?
- Why is it GOOD NEWS that Jesus is in control of everything?

PRAY

God, we thank you that we know Jesus is in control of everything. WE forget that a lot and start to worry and get nervous. Help us to remember that Jesus is in control of everything and he loves us so much. Help us to trust you when we get nervous or start to worry. Remind us that we are your kids and you love us so so so so so so much! Thank you for our great Savior, Jesus! Amen.

MEMORIZE [New City Catechism Question #42](#)

Q: How is the Word of God to be read and heard?

A: With diligence, preparation, and prayer; so that we may accept it with faith and practice it in our lives.

SING! "God is so Good"

God is so good,
God is so good,
God is so good,
He's so good to me!

He cares for me,
He cares for me,
He cares for me,
He's so good to me!

I love Him so,
I love Him so,
I love Him so,
He's so good to me!

// Prepare for Next Sunday- May 26th

Sermon Text: God is Great- so we don't have to fear others

Questions to Prepare: When do you notice in your life a fear of others opinion, condemnation, or judgement?

What is the worst thing someone could say about you? How does a fear of others keep you from following God?

Songs: [Spotify playlist](#)

Readings:

// Prayer of Preparation //

Gracious Father, we come to you this morning with many things on our minds, many worries, many needs, and aware of our nagging sin that makes us think we really don't belong here. Would you sing to us the truth of your gospel this morning? Remind us that we are loved and accepted by you in the person of Jesus Christ. Renew our minds that we might see our lives from that perspective rather than the lies we believe. In Christ's all-powerful name, Amen.

// Call to Worship //

Psalm 93

[1] The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

[2] Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

[3] The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

[4] Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
mightier than the waves of the sea, the LORD on high is mighty!

[5] Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

// Prayer of Confession //

Lord, so often we act like the disciples, and are blind to what You are doing in this world. We stay in our own cliques and walk in our own strength, forgetting that we exist because You hold our lives in Your hand. Lord, fill us and make us into Your Son's image. Give us the Faith to trust and believe in the resurrection, that we may be a people filled with Your love. We pray this in the precious and powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

// Assurance of Pardon //

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

-Titus 3:3-7

// Passing of the Peace //

As we gather here today, we don't gather as strangers to one another nor strangers to God. We are his children and brothers and sisters of one another. Lets take moment to greet one another in the peace brought by Christ.

// Benediction //

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
-1 Peter 1:13

Leader: Go in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you.

All: And also with you!