

WORSHIP GUIDE | CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

// Review of Last Sunday- May 19th

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?

Sermon Video/Audio: <https://cccplainfield.org/sermon/god-is-glorious-so-we-do-not-have-to-fear-others/>

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. Let's 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!

Reflection Questions:

- o In our *Benediction* we read from 1 Peter 1:13 "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."

Why do you think Peter encourages us to be sober-minded? What do you think that looks like in our daily lives?

- When do you find “fear of man” appearing in your life? Who are the people that you tend to fear in an unhealthy way?
- How do you use others opinions of you to cover shame, guilty, or fear in your life?
- What would turning to God in the midst of building an identity on anything other than God's glory in Christ, look like for you?

Psalm for further reflection: [Psalm 27](#)

Resources:

Devotional: [The Fear of the Lord](#) by Ligonier Ministries

Articles: [Our Consuming and Crushing Snare](#) by Trillia Newbell

// 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 Proverbs 29:25 and reword it in a way your kids could understand

“The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is safe.”

REVIEW

- Has anyone ever said anything that hurt you? What was it?
- What does God say about you?
- Why is God really awesome to you?

PRAY

Awesome God, thank you for loving us. Help us to remember that what is most important is what you think about us. And we know because of Jesus you love us with all your love. Keep us from trying to feel good about ourselves because other people like us. Help us to love and serve others with the same love you've given to us. Thank you for all you give us and always taking care of us. We love you God! Amen!

MEMORIZE New City Catechism Question #50

Q: What does Christ's resurrection mean for us?

A: Christ triumphed over sin and death so that all who trust in him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come.

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- June 2nd

Sermon Text: God is Good- so we don't have to look elsewhere; [Psalm 31:19-24](#); [34:8](#); [Mark 8:36](#)

Questions to Prepare: How would you describe the “longing of your soul”? Have you ever felt longing? Think of a time when a longing was satisfied.

Songs: [Spotify playlist](#)

Readings:

// Prayer of Preparation //

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for the privilege of corporate worship—for the joy of gathering with sisters and brothers to boast in Christ, worship by the Spirit, and receive your Word. Thank you for the guests and visitors who will gather with us today. May they experience your welcoming heart, the magnificence of your glory, and the riches of your grace. And as we leave the service today—with your benediction and blessing, free us to serve you this week with gladness, in everything we think, say, and do. We pray this in Jesus’ merciful and mighty name. Amen.

// Call to Worship //

But now thus says the Lord, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
-Isaiah 43:1-3

// Prayer of Confession //

Blessed Jesus,
you offered us all your blessings when you announced
Blessed are the poor in spirit, but we have been rich in pride.
Blessed are those who mourn, but we have not known much sorrow for our sin.
Blessed are the meek, but we are a stiff-necked people.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, but we are filled to the full with other things. Blessed are the merciful, but we are harsh and impatient.
Blessed are the pure in heart, but we have impure hearts.

Blessed are the peacemakers, but we have not sought reconciliation.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, but our lives do not challenge the world. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me, but we have hardly made it known that we are yours.

Your Law is holy and your benedictions are perfect, but they are both too great for us. You alone are blessed.

ALL: We plead with you to forgive our sins and give us the blessing of your righteousness.

// Assurance of Pardon //

Turn to me now, while there is time.

Give me your hearts.

Come with fasting, weeping, and mourning.

Don't tear your clothing in your grief, but tear your hearts instead.

Return to the Lord your God, for he is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

He is eager to relent and not punish

ALL: In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

- The Worship Sourcebook; based on Joel 2:13 and 2 Corinthians 9:15

// Passing of the Peace //

As we celebrate the gift of peace with God through Jesus Christ, let's also celebrate the peace we have with each other by greeting one another here this morning.

// Benediction //

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. - Ephesians 3:10

Leader: God's Peace be with you!

All: And also with you!