

WORSHIP GUIDE | CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

// Review of Last Sunday- June 23rd

Sermon Text: Psalm 13

Questions to Prepare: Think of a time or season of your life when you weren't getting the answers from God you wanted. How did that feel? What frustrated you the most?

Songs: [Spotify playlist](#)

Readings:

// Prayer of Preparation //

Gracious God, thank you for this moment. For this day and this time to gather with our church family and worship you. Help me to be present in this moment. Keep me from being distracted and miss this opportunity to receive your word and minister to those around me. In Christ I pray, Amen.

// Call to Worship //

Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Praise the LORD! -Psalm 117

// Prayer of Confession //

Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."
Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"
-Mark 9:23-25

// Assurance of Pardon //

"The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down." -Psalm 145:13-14

For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!". -2 Corinthians 1:20

// Passing of the Peace //

The peace of Christ greets us here this morning. As people of God's peace, let's extend a greeting of peace to one another.

// Benediction //

Leader: Each of us have no idea what this week might hold for us. But know this as you go from here, God loves you and he is working whatever comes your way for your good. May he give you the faith to believe that this week.

Leader: Go in the mighty name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And as always, may His peace go with you.

All: And also with you!

Reflection Questions:

- In our *Call to Worship* we read from Psalm 117 which states, "For great is his steadfast love toward us." How has God's love been steadfast towards you throughout your life?
- When have you rejected expressing sorrow? What did you do instead? Why is expressing sorrow difficult for you?
- Think of a difficult time in your life and write a prayer of sorrow. Don't worry about it being theologically accurate or whether you should or shouldn't talk like this to God, just write out what you feel. Ask God for the faith to believe that His promises are true and He has healing for you.
- If the gospel is true, what are the implications for our times of sorrow?

Resources:

Articles: [Where God is Hiding](#) by Silverio Gonzalez
[5 Principles for Becoming a Better Friend](#) by Paul Tripp

// 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

Psalm 13 in *The Message* Bible paraphrase

Long enough, God—
 you've ignored me long enough.
I've looked at the back of your head
 long enough. Long enough
I've carried this ton of trouble,
 lived with a stomach full of pain.
Long enough my arrogant enemies
 have looked down their noses at me.
Take a good look at me, God, my God;
 I want to look life in the eye,
So no enemy can get the best of me
 or laugh when I fall on my face.
I've thrown myself headlong into your arms—
 I'm celebrating your rescue.
I'm singing at the top of my lungs,
 I'm so full of answered prayers.

ASK

- Have you ever felt like God was ignoring you and not answering your prayers? What did that feel like? What did you do?
- Does God ever not hear our prayers or not listen to us? Does he ever not know what we are going through?
- If we are God's children because of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, how does God feel about us?
- Who do we know that is going through a time of suffering?

PRAY

Father God, we know sometimes we have bad days and really sad things happen. Help us to trust that you are good and you love us even in those times. We are so thankful for Jesus who gave us your forever love. Thank you for loving us forever and ever and ever. We pray for anyone we know who is suffering and ask that you comfort them and allow us to help them too. We love you God. Amen.

MEMORIZE

New City Catechism Question #51

Q: Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension?

A: Christ is now advocating for us in the presence of his Father and also sends us his Spirit.

// Prepare for Next Sunday- June 30th

Sermon Text: [Genesis 29](#)

Questions to Prepare: Have you felt passed over by God? Neglected so that he can go bless others? What was that like?

Songs: [Spotify playlist](#)

Readings:

// Prayer of Preparation //

Gracious God, as we gather this morning we have but one request- let us see Jesus! Tell us again of our salvation in Him. We have been distracted and worshipped at the altar of many other things, but here this morning, we want to know again of the One who is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. Dazzle our hearts again with the good news of the Gospel. In His great name, Amen.

// Call to Worship //

Colossians 1:15–20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

// Prayer of Confession //

God of love, in the wrong we have done
and in the good we have not done,
we have sinned in ignorance;
we have sinned in weakness;
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We
are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us and renew our lives
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

// Assurance of Pardon //

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// Passing of the Peace //

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.”
-Romans 5:1-2

// Benediction //

Hebrews 13:20–21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

All: And also with you!