

# WORSHIP GUIDE | CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

## // Review of Last 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.*

**Sermon Audio/Video:** <https://cccplainfield.org/sermon/god-is-good-so-we-dont-have-to-look-elsewhere>

**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 //**

Acts 1:6–11 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

#### **// 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.

**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!**

#### **// 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!**

**Reflection Questions:**

- In our *Assurance of Pardon* we heard a call to return to the Lord because “He is eager to relent and not punish.” Is that how you view God in the midst of your shame, guilt, and sorrow for sin? What would change if you viewed God as “eager to relent and not punish”?
- What stuck out to you from this week sermon? Take some time to think upon that and ask God to continue to teach you and open your eyes to what he wants you to learn there.
- Consider Isaiah 55:2, “Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.” What is “bread that does satisfy” in your life? How long have you been feeding on that unfulfilling food? How is Jesus the ultimate satisfaction you are seeking?

**Psalm for further reflection:** [Psalm 31](#)

**Resources:**

Devotional: [Rivers of Living Water](#) by Ligonier Ministries

Articles: [The Lord Is My Shepherd But I Still Want](#) by Chad Bird

[At the Bottom of Your Vanilla Life](#) by CJ Green

## // 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 34:8

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

**REVIEW**

- What are some reasons why God is so good?
- How has he been good to you and to us as a family? How has he been good to us as a church?
- How do we know he really loves us and will always love us? (Because Jesus came and lived, died and rose again for us!)

**PRAY**

God, you are all that we need. Forgive us for trying to find happiness in other things. Help us to have lots of joy because Jesus is our savior and we are your children. Thanks for all the blessings you have given us. Thank you for our family, friends, and church. Give us more and more love for you God. Thanks for always loving us. Amen!

**MEMORIZE** [New City Catechism Question #17](#)

Q: *What is idolatry?*

A: Idolatry is trusting in created things rather than the Creator for our hope and happiness, significance and security.

## // Prepare for Next Sunday- June 9th

**Sermon Text:** [1 Peter 2:1-5,9-10; Psalm 145:4](#) (God is Gracious so we don't have to prove ourselves)

**Questions to Prepare:** What does “proving myself” look like in our everyday lives? What does proving ourselves and the gospel have to do with each other?

**Songs:** [Spotify playlist](#)

### **Readings:**

#### **// Prayer of Preparation //**

Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

—based on Psalm 19:14

#### **// 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 & Assurance //**

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the wandering devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against Your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.

Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore

those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant

that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name. Amen

#### **// Passing of the Peace //**

Jesus is our peace and we have peace as God's family together. Let's greet one another with the peace of Christ.

#### **// 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: May the peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**