



CHRIST  
THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
February 12, 2023

## Welcome to CHRIST THE REDEEMER...

We're glad you've joined us. Whether you have followed Jesus your whole life or you can't remember the last time you stepped foot in a church, we want you to feel welcome to come as you are and worship with our church family. If you have any questions about our church or where to find something, please don't hesitate to ask. We're excited about what God is doing among us as we seek to live, grow and serve as followers of Jesus in Portland and in our surrounding neighborhoods. So, welcome to CTR, we'd love to have you as part of our family.

During our service, our nursery is open for babies who are crawlers through 3-year-olds. If you need help finding the nursery area, please ask any of our greeters!

Children's Church is in session. After the blessing each week, children age 4 and up are welcome to go to Children's Church. They will re-join their families after the sermon.

### THE RHYTHM OF OUR WORSHIP

On the road to Emmaus (Luke 24), when Jesus' disciples found themselves troubled and confused, Jesus met them along the way. When they confessed their troubles and doubts to Him, His words and presence began to change them. He unfolded God's Word to them, pointing to His own person and work. He dined with them, giving thanks and breaking bread. The disciples recognized their Lord's presence with them and hurried to tell others the good news.

In the Emmaus story, we recognize the pattern of historic Christian worship as it began to take shape. Our worship liturgy at Christ the Redeemer moves through a specific rhythm: God **SUMMONS** us as His people, God **SANCTIFIES** us to Himself, God **SPEAKS** to us in His Word, God **STRENGTHENS** us at His table, and God **SENDS** us into the world to share His grace.

The emphasis throughout our worship is upon God's action and our appropriate response. In worship, we rehearse the gospel message of Jesus' death and resurrection and are caught up into the mission of the Triune God. The flow of our liturgy aims at drawing us further into the life of the Trinity as children of God and then impelling us outward into our world.

*-adapted from City Church Philadelphia [Guide to Our Worship](#)*

# G O D S U M M O N S

[ P R A I S E ]

## C A L L T O W O R S H I P

[L] Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

[P] **lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;  
his name is the Lord;  
exult before him!**

[L] Father of the fatherless and protector of widows  
is God in his holy habitation.  
God settles the solitary in a home;  
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,  
but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

[P] **Blessed be the Lord,  
who daily bears us up;  
God is our salvation.**

Psalm 68:4-5

## S O N G

H O L Y , H O L Y , H O L Y

# **GOD SANCTIFIES**

[RENEWAL]

## CONFESSION OF SIN

[All] **Dear Lord,**

**You are the King of the world, the Creator of all things, and the Giver of life. You have made us in Your image and invited us to be Your children—the heirs of Your kingdom—and we give You our thanks and praise. We stop now to confess that we have sinned and fallen short of what You would have us be. We have found our identity in earthly things like work, money, family, reputation, our homes, our friends, even our country.**

**We have worshiped them more than You. We have turned away from being part of Your Kingdom work to satisfy our own agendas. We have broken Your heart with our sin, and we are sorry. Please forgive us. Help us open our hearts to receive the gift of forgiveness that You offer through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Create in us clean hearts and fill us with Your presence.**

**In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.**

## TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

## WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful. He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. In Christ we are forgiven!

Psalm 116:5 & Colossians 1:13 & 14

[All] **Thanks be to God!**

## SONG

**HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US**

LIFE OF THE PEOPLE  
[ANNOUNCEMENTS]

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THE PEACE OF GOD  
and THE BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

[L] May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

[P] **And also with you.**

[L] People of God, what is our prayer for these and all our children?

[All] **May the Lord be with you.**

[Children] **And also with you.**

# G O D S P E A K S

[ W O R D ]

S O N G

SHOW US CHRIST

S C R I P T U R E

Matthew 6:7-13; Ephesians 1:3-6

Read by Tammy Locke

*The Lord's Prayer*

<sup>7</sup>“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. <sup>8</sup>Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. <sup>9</sup>Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.

<sup>10</sup>Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup>Give us this day our daily bread,

<sup>12</sup>and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup>And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

*Spiritual Blessings in Christ*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

[L] The grass withers and the flower fades,  
but the Word of God stands forever.

Isaiah 40:8

The Word of the Lord.

[P] **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Series:

KINGDOM PRAYER:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sermon:

THE BASIS OF PRAYER: OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN

Rev. Sean J.S. Roberts

Senior Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #'s 120 & 121

[L] Why has Christ commanded us to address God as Our Father?

[P] **To awaken in us at the very beginning of our prayer that childlike reverence and trust toward God which should be basic to our prayer: God has become our Father through Christ and will much less deny us what we ask of Him in faith than our fathers would refuse us earthly things.**

[L] Why is there added, Who art in heaven?

[P] **These words teach us not to think of God's heavenly majesty in an earthly manner, and to expect from His almighty power all things we need for body and soul.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Tim Yagel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come; your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**



**G O D S T R E N G T H E N S**

[ T A B L E ]

## CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

*A Word about Communion: Communion is the family meal of Christians. Baptized believers actively looking to Jesus as their hope for salvation are warmly invited to share in this meal with us as our brothers and sisters.*

- *Please approach the servers by coming up the middle aisle and returning to your seat via the outside aisles.*
- *Once you receive the bread and wine/juice, please hold on to it as you return to your seat. We will partake together as one body after everyone has received the elements.*
- *Children and those who are not partaking are also welcome to approach the servers for a prayer or word of God's blessing. We ask that you fold your hands as you approach so the server is aware.*
- *Please dispose of your communion cups and any other trash in the wastebasket located at the back of the sanctuary or the one near the exit at the front of the sanctuary as you leave today. Thank you!*

SONG: DOXOLOGY [Old 100<sup>th</sup>]

WORDS OF INVITATION &amp; INSTITUTION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

[L] Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

[P] **Christ has died.**  
**Christ has risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

[L] Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us.

[P] **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

[L] The gifts of God for the people of God.

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

## PRAYERS OF REFLECTION

*Prayer for Those Searching for Truth*

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth and the Life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

*Prayer of Belief*

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.

*Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin*

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking only to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.

*Prayer of Commitment*

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG  
WHO YOU SAY I AM

G O D S E N D S

[MISSION]

R E S P O N S E S O F J O Y

O F F E R I N G O U R L I V E S A N D  
R E S O U R C E S

[our tithes and offerings]

If you would like to give online, please use this QR code:  
This takes you to our online giving portal.



S O N G

B E H O L D O U R G O D

B E N E D I C T I O N A N D S E N D I N G

[L] Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think,  
according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in  
Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.

Ephesians 3:20-21

[All] **Amen.**

# HIGHLIGHTS...

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## COMMUNITY GROUPS:

Community groups are one of the primary places that we get to know one another, care for another, and help one another grow in the gospel. If you are interested in joining a group, please contact Pastor Josh Henderson [info on back of OOW].

There are currently groups in the following communities:

PORTLAND (2 groups)  
SOUTH PORTLAND  
LAKES REGION

SCARBOROUGH  
FREEPORT/DURHAM  
NEW GLOUCESTER

## CTR KIDS LENDING LIBRARY

We are so excited about our CTR Kids Lending Library! Before and after church, please visit the library cart in the back of the sanctuary and choose a Gospel-centered book to take home with you for the week! There are books available for all age groups, and some parenting resources as well!

### DIAPER DRIVE FOR THE KRUSE'S

Join us in celebrating the soon arrival of EJ and Vicky's third little girl by showering them with diapers! You may bring a box to church or drop them off with Claire Roberts. Baby Kruse is due in late February!

(Request: We kindly ask that you do not give Wal-Mart brand. 😊 Thank you!)

## ON THE CALENDAR:

TODAY

### **TWO LIGHTS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – 9 AM**

For children in 3rd-5th grade! Join us Sunday mornings for treats + fun while deepening your knowledge and faith in the Gospel! For more information, please contact Ally Henderson (ahenderson@ctrportland.org).

**DEACONS OFFERING SUNDAY** – We set aside one Sunday a quarter to focus some of our giving specifically to the Deacons Fund. This fund exists to support members of our congregation or community who have temporary financial needs such as rent, groceries, medical bills, counseling, and other challenges.

If you wish to give to this fund, you may add a note on the memo line of your check or give online using the QR code on page 9.

MON, FEB 13

### **WOMENS' WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY – 6 PM**

@ the home of Laura Wiersma, 29 Lilac Lane, New Gloucester (GPS does not recognize this address so please use 54 N Pownal Road - that will get you to Lilac Lane). A light meal will be served.  
Curriculum: "Romans: At His Feet" (Blanton/Gordon)

FRI, FEB 17

### **FRIDAY PLAY GROUP – 10 AM – 1 PM**

Calling all stay-at-home moms or dads! Plan to join us at playgroup every Friday at 10am. We are at a different location every week, so keep a lookout on Instagram (@ctrportlandkids) for more information! Any and everyone is welcome with their children. It has been a joy to fellowship with parents from CTR and also meet other parents from the greater Portland area! Please contact Abby Reid if you have any questions.

WED, FEB 22

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – 6:30 PM**

Join us for a service of prayer and reflection as we enter the Lenten season. We will spend time reflecting on our mortality, renewing our practice of daily repentance, and rejoicing with confidence and gratitude for Christ's work through prayers, readings, and singing. Come, rejoice in the power of the Gospel with us as we begin this journey to the cross and then finally to the joy of Easter.

## ON THE CALENDAR:

THUR, FEB 23

**WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP** – 6:30 PM

@ the home of Gloria Peters, 26 Mitchell Hill Road, Scarborough

Connie Woodward is hosting a women's prayer group with a focus of coming together to pray for loved ones who have departed the faith or have yet to come to faith. Join this group to pray as a community and help each other wait on God's timing for answering prayer concerning our loved ones.

WED, MAR 15

**BOOKS & BUBBLY** – 7 PM @ 64 Brook Rd., Portland

Ladies: Our next book is *Cry, The Beloved Country* [Alan Paton]. For more information, please contact Claire Roberts. [clerkus@gmail.com](mailto:clerkus@gmail.com) or 956-270-2565.

## MERCY TEAM: SERVE WITH THE ROOT CELLAR

Our Mercy Team is supporting the effort to provide food for the many asylum-seeking families that are housed at the Motel 6 in Portland. The Root Cellar needs regular assistance packaging and delivering meals. We hope to send regular volunteers to help meet this important and tangible need.

There are opportunities to serve between 4:30pm and 6:30pm, Monday- Saturday.

Please contact Josh ([jhenderson@ctrportland](mailto:jhenderson@ctrportland)) for more info.

If you would like to [package meals](#),  
use this QR code to sign up:



If you can help with [meal delivery](#),  
Use this QR code to sign up:



## CTR PRAYER CHAIN:

If you have a prayer request or would like to join the prayer chain at CTR, please send an email to [prayer@ctrportland.org](mailto:prayer@ctrportland.org). The coordinators, Carol Fecteau or Megan Lafuta, will be happy to help.

# SERVE...

At CTR, we believe that part of what makes the church a beautiful place is that it draws people with various passions and gifts into one body. Below are some opportunities to use your passions and gifts to serve one another and our local community.

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Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church  
longs to be a diverse people who gather around  
and extend the table of God's grace.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00 AM**

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