



CHRIST
THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 28, 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] The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;

[P] **we dwell in him and he in us.**

[L] Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

[P] **make known his deeds among the peoples.**

[L] Sing to him, sing praises to him,

[P] **and speak of all his marvelous works.**

[L] Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,

[P] **who was and is and is to come!**

based on Psalm 105:1-2; Romans 5:5; Revelation 4:8

S O N G S

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

GOD SANCTIFIES

[RENEWAL]

CONFESSION OF SIN

[All] **Gracious God, who pours out freely the gift of your Holy Spirit: we confess before you and to each other that we have failed to recognize this most precious gift. We have been satisfied with ordinary things, suspicious of unfamiliar things, and blind to spiritual things. Cleanse us, O God, with your celestial fire. Burn away our presumptuous self-sufficiency and open us in faith to receive the renewing touch of your hand. Amen.**

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Romans 5:1-2, 5

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

SONG

CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE

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

H O L Y S P I R I T

S C R I P T U R E

Romans 8:12-17, 26-27

Read by Douglas Peaslee

Heirs with Christ

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

[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.**

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Sermon:

PRAYER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

Rev. Sean J.S. Roberts

Senior Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A #53

[L] What do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit?

[P] **First, that the Spirit, with the Father and the Son, is eternal God.**

Second, that the Spirit is given also to me, so that, through true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his benefits, comforts me, and will remain with me forever.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Sue Miller

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]

C E L E B R A T I N G H O L Y C O M M U N I O N

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!*

S O N G : T R I N I T Y S O N G

W O R D S O F I N V I T A T I O N & I N S T I T U T I O N

G R E A T P R A Y E R O F T H A N K S G I V I N G

M E M O R I A L A C C L A M A T I O N

[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.

P A R T A K I N G O F T H E E L E M E N T S

C O M M U N I O N S O N G
T H E R E I S A R E D E E M E R

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.

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
C O M E T H O U F O U N T

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

[L] Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

[All] **Amen!**

HIGHLIGHTS

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CTR KIDS LENDING LIBRARY

We are so excited about our CTR Kids Lending Library! Before and after church, please visit the library cart near our nursery 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!

ON THE CALENDAR:

FRI, JUN 2

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. Please contact Abby Reid if you have any questions.

MON, JUN 5

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)

WED, JUN 7

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

Ladies: Our book is *The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot* [Marianne Cronin]. For more info, please contact Claire Roberts [clerkus@gmail.com].

SUN, JUN 11

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 Abby Reid (areid@ctrportland.org).

ON THE CALENDAR:

SUN, JUL 16

CTR'S ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC – 10 AM – 3 PM

@ the Picnic Shelter @ Two Lights State Park, Cape Elizabeth

Our Worship Service will be held at Two Lights also! Mark your calendars!

MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT:

Abeneazer Urga and Jessie Udall, Equip International (East Africa)

They are working with Evangelical Theological College to train church leaders and church planters who come from all over the country to receive further education.

Prayer Requests:

- Abeneazer and Jessie
 - Daniel - 2nd grade
 - Sophia - kindergarten
- For stability and peace in the country, especially those in the north
- Pray for Abeneazer and his group of students that is the first cohort of the new MA program he is leading.
- For continued language learning for Jessie and the children. Amharic is said to be only one level below Chinese in terms of difficulty to learn. They have connected with a lovely tutor and are making good progress. Pray that they would continue to feel free to try to speak and stumble and make mistakes and learn humbly step by step.
- For some safe and free recreational opportunities for their active kids. They live in a very urban environment that is growing but hasn't had the "luxury" of creating green spaces yet.
- A last prayer request would be for the Lord to give them grace to endure frequent sickness (their own and their children's) with grace and flexibility, with trust in His plan! And, if it's His will, they would be able to move forward with more immunity which would make ministry responsibilities much easier to manage.

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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