



CHRIST  
THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21, 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] Rejoice in the Lord; take joy in the God of your salvation.

[P] **The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.**

Hebrews 3:18; Psalm 126:3

### S O N G S

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

## G O D S A N C T I F I E S

[ R E N E W A L ]

### C O N F E S S I O N O F S I N

[All] **Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.**

### T I M E O F S I L E N T R E F L E C T I O N A N D C O N F E S S I O N

### W O R D S O F C O M F O R T A N D A S S U R A N C E O F P A R D O N

[L] As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain  
your mercy from me;  
your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
will ever preserve me!

Psalm 40:11

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

SONG

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

LIFE OF THE PEOPLE  
[ANNOUNCEMENTS]

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OUR 2023 GRADUATES

High School:

*Augustin Hollen*

*Gabriel Pollock*

*Ian Johnson*

*Shawn Kemp*

*Sofia Johnson*

College:

*Ben Lufuta*

*Andrew Pillsbury*

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

TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

S C R I P T U R E

2 Timothy 2:1-7

Read by Paula Ward

<sup>1</sup>You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. <sup>3</sup>Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup>No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. <sup>5</sup>An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. <sup>6</sup>It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. <sup>7</sup>Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

[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:

PASSING THE BATON TO THE NEXT GENERATION

Rev. Chris Vogel

*Church Planting and Vitality Coordinator*

*Mission to North America, PCA*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

[L] Christian, what do you believe?

[P] **I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

COMMISSIONING OF SARAH COHEN

Prayer led by Elder Nate Pillsbury

# 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 : S A N C T U S

## 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

## 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 T A B L E



## 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

F A C I N G A T A S K U N F I N I S H E D

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

[L] The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:13

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

# HIGHLIGHTS

*May 21, 2023*

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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 the church office ([ctr@ctrportland.org](mailto:ctr@ctrportland.org)).

There are currently groups in the following communities:

PORTLAND  
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 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:

SUN, MAY 21

### **TEEN BIBLE STUDY – 9 AM**

For more information, please contact Emma Holloway @ 207.737.9691 or unmemiriamemma@gmail.com

### **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).

MON, MAY 22

### **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)

THUR, MAY 25

### **PARENTS' PRAYER GROUP – 6:30 PM**

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

Tim & Connie Woodward are hosting a parents' 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.

FRI, MAY 26

### **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.

### **CTR'S MEAT & GREET – 5 PM – 8 PM**

@ Wilson County BBQ, 82 Hanover Street, Portland

Everyone is invited to join us as we kick off the summer at Wilson County BBQ. Come for dinner or drop in for a drink and camaraderie. We are looking forward to spending time together as a church family and building connections with one another!

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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