



CHRIST
THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 23, 2022

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 now back in session. After the blessing, children age 5 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] There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

[All] **All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things, you alone are God.**

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD with HOW GREAT THOU ART

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves, Stuart K. Hine

The splendor of the King,
clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice; all the earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light
and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at his voice;
and trembles at his voice

Chorus

*How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God*

And age to age he stands,
and time is in his hands
Beginning and the End;
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one

Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

[Chorus]

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God
[Sing 2x]

[Chorus]

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to thee
How great thou art
How great thou art
[Sing 2x]

GOD SANCTIFIES

[RENEWAL]

CONFESSION OF SIN

[L] Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

[P] **Lord, hear my voice!**

[L] Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

[P] **If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?**

[L] But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

[P] **I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his work I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.**

[L] O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Psalm 130

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust. But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

Psalm 103:8, 13-14, 17-18

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

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

Ada Ruth Habershon and Matthew Merker

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast*

Those he saves are his delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in his holy sight

He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

[Chorus]

For my life he bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When he comes at last

[Chorus] [Sing 2x]

AMAZING GRACE

Edwin Othello Excell and John Newton

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

The Lord has promised good to me
His Word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

When we've been there
ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Then when we've first begun

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]

BE THOU MY VISION

Mary Elizabeth Byrne and Don Chapman

Be thou my vision
O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me
save that thou art
Thou my best thought
by day or by night
Waking or sleeping
Thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom
and thou my true word
I ever with thee
and thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father
I thy true son
Thou in me dwelling
and I with thee one

Riches I heed not
nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance
now and always
Thou and thou only
first in my heart
High King of heaven
my treasure thou art

High King of heaven
my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys
O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart
whatever befall
Still be my vision
O Ruler of all

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:31-43

Read by Roger Kepler

³¹ So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

The Healing of Aeneas

³² Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. ³³ There he found a man named Aeneas, bedridden for eight years, who was paralyzed. ³⁴ And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. ³⁵ And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

Dorcas Restored to Life

³⁶ Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then, calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. ⁴² And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner.

[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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Series:

ACTS: THE GOSPEL GOES FORTH

Sermon:

A MINISTRY OF LIFE

Rev. Sean J.S. Roberts

Senior Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #1

[L] What is your only comfort in life and in death?

[P] **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Amanda McKrell

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, also called the Lord's Supper, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ who are members of his body, the Church, to participate.

DOXOLOGY

Thomas Ken and Louis Bourgeois

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Amen.

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

HEAL US

Kevin Twit, Lucas Morton, and William Cowper

Chorus

*Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are
We long to feel thy touch
Deep wounded souls to thee we fly
O Savior, hear our cry*

Our faith is feeble we confess
We faintly trust thy word
But will you pity us the less
Be that far from you, Lord

[Chorus]

Remember him who once applied
With trembling for relief
Lord, I believe with tears he cried
O help my unbelief

[Chorus]

She, too, who touched you in the press
And healing virtue stole
Was answered, "Daughter, go in peace;
Thy faith has made thee whole."

[Chorus]

Like her, with hopes and fears, we come
To touch you if we may
O send us not despairing home
Send none unhealed away

[Chorus]

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.

GOD SENDS
[MISSION]
RESPONSES OF JOY

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND
RESOURCES
[our tithes and offerings]

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



O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

Carl Gotthelf Glaser and Charles Wesley

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of his grace

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread thru all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name

Jesus the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace

Hear Him ye deaf his praise ye dumb
Your loosened tongues employ
Ye blind behold your Savior come
And leap ye lame for joy

Glory to God and praise and love
Be ever ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above
The Church in earth and heav'n

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

[L] May the God who works wonders, who has made his strength known among his people, and by his power redeemed them, may he be your joy and delight in you always.

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

HIGHLIGHTS...

January 23, 2022

LIVESTREAMING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

EVERY SUNDAY @ 10 AM

If you are in a vulnerable population or are not comfortable yet joining the in-person service, please continue to watch on Facebook each Sunday!

***to worship via LIVESTREAM

Step 1- Download the Order of Worship

Step 2- Go to our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/ctrportland> OR

Go to our Livestream Page: <https://www.ctrportland.org/Livestream>

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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. These groups meet regularly in homes throughout Greater Portland for fellowship, study, and prayer. Groups also often participate in fun social events and local service projects.

These groups are always ready to welcome new folks, so if you are interested in checking out a group, please use the sign-up sheet available or contact Pastor Josh Henderson [info on back of OOW].

There are currently groups in the following communities:

PORTLAND (2 groups)
SOUTH PORTLAND
FREEPORT/DURHAM
NEW GLOUCESTER

SCARBOROUGH
BIDDEFORD
LAKES REGION

ON THE CALENDAR:

SATURDAY, FEB 5 **CHILDREN’S WINTER SERVICE PROJECT – 4 PM**

“Caring with Cards”

Kids, we will be meeting at the Henderson’s and crafting cards for the people who serve the asylum seekers and people who are currently living in the hotels in South Portland. Plan to join us as we make these cards and bless those who serve others.

Address: 903 Ocean Ave., Portland

For more information, please contact Ally Henderson or Abby Reid.

SUNDAY, FEB 13 **DEACONS FUND OFFERING**

Our Deacons Fund is our benevolence fund in the church. This fund is used to assist those in our community who are faced with immediate practical needs. It is another way we can show the love of Christ to those among us who are in need.

To contribute to this fund, you may give cash or a check anytime between now and FEB 13 or you may use the GIVE QR code on Page 12 and select Deacons Fund in the drop-down box.

SUNDAY, FEB 20 **3RD SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCH - (After the Worship Service)**

Join us in Fellowship Hall after the Worship Service as we share a meal together.

Theme for February: *No Cooking! So get to dicing, chopping, and mixing to create this theme. From salad to sushi to bean salads to sandwiches, there are hundreds of ways to make a dish without turning on the stove or oven.*

Everyone is welcome!



NEW for 2022

We are excited to tell you that we are moving from our current giving platform, BREEZE, to Subsplash Giving! Your BREEZE account will remain active but your giving will be easier than ever and the fees for every transaction will now cost less!

If you currently have a recurring gift to CTR through BREEZE, you may go into your account and cancel that gift and then go to Subsplash Giving and begin your new recurring gift through that platform. Once your gifts are processed through Subsplash, the gift will be still be recorded in your BREEZE account so that you are always able to track your giving to CTR.

What you need to do:

- Turn off your recurring giving in BREEZE
- Sign up for Subsplash Giving and set up a recurring gift:
<https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/WMNPXT#/>
- If you do not have recurring gifts, just use this link for future giving:
<https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/WMNPXT#/>

We are so thankful for you and your continued participation in and support of the gospel ministry of CTR.

Please feel free to contact Cheryl Sullivan with questions or help with this.
E-mail: ctr@ctrportland.org or Ph. 207-205-1437.

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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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. The coordinators, Carol Fecteau or Megan Tipton, will be happy to help.



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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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