



CHRIST
THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
March 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] Praise the Lord, my soul;

[P] **all my inmost being, praise his holy name.**

[L] Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits

[P] **who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,**

[L] who redeems your life from the pit,

[P] **and crowns you with love and compassion,**

[L] who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Adapted from Psalm 103:1-5

S O N G

COME THOU FOUNT [ABOVE ALL ELSE]

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

[R E N E W A L]

CONFESSIO N O F S I N

[All] **Loving God, you are always ready to forgive our sins. We are much less eager to forgive those with whom we disagree. So often when we have something against our friends, family, or strangers, we escalate the conflict rather than working for unity. We resist your call to be ambassadors of reconciliation. We wish we could turn the other cheek, but it feels so much more satisfying to demonize the other side. Forgive us for these and all of our sins, and hear us now as we continue to confess our sins in silence...**

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

S O N G

HAVE MERCY

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] The Lord God said: “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.”

Brothers and sisters: In Christ, all God's promises are "Yes."

Hear the good news: Through Christ, our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed, and renewed!

based on Ezekiel 36:26; 2 Corinthians 1:20

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

S O N G

LIVING HOPE

LIFE OF THE PEOPLE
[ANNOUNCEMENTS]

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MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

Greg and Bonnie Harrison

Hearts of Hope Ministries
Ukraine/Romania

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

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

S C R I P T U R E

Matthew 6:7-15; Matthew 18:21-35

Read by Sarah Cohen

The Lord's Prayer

⁷ “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. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹ Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread,

¹² and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

¹⁴ For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

¹⁸ ²¹ Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

[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:
"FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR
DEBTORS"

Rev. Sean J.S. Roberts
Senior Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #'S 126

[L] What is the fifth petition?

[P] **And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. That is: for the sake of Christ's blood, do not impute to us, wretched sinners any of our transgressions, nor the evil which still clings to us, as we also find evidence of Thy grace in us that we are fully determined wholeheartedly to forgive our neighbor.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Timothy Woodward

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: SANCTUS

WORDS OF INVITATION & INSTITUTION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

[L] Lift up your hearts.

[P] **We lift them up to the Lord.**

[L] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[P] **It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

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

I WILL WAIT FOR YOU [PSALM 130]

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

L E T Y O U R K I N G D O M C O M E

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

[L] May you, people of God, know that God our Father made you and guides your every step; Jesus Christ gave his life for you and brings you new life; the Spirit keeps you in the Lord's presence and empowers you to serve. May almighty God continue to bless you and move you to give thanks.

[All] **Amen.**

HIGHLIGHTS

March 12, 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 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!

ON THE CALENDAR:

SUN, MAR 12

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).

TEEN BIBLE STUDY – 9 AM

This study will be held at CTR every other Sunday.

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

MON, MAR 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)

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 or 956-270-2565.

THUR, MAR 16

PARENTS' PRAYER GROUP – 6:30 PM

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

Tim & Connie Woodward is 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, MAR 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.

SUN, MAR 26

FAREWELL EVENT for the HENDERSON FAMILY – 5-8 PM

@ First Baptist Portland, 360 Canco Road

Please use the QR code on page 13 to RSVP! Thank you!

ON THE CALENDAR:



Please use this QR code to let us know if you plan to attend!

MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

Greg and Bonnie Harrison

Hearts of Hope Ministries

Ukraine/Romania

In September 2018, the Harrison family moved to Ukraine and created a home for orphans who were aging out of the local orphanage where our 3 adopted children had grown up. At "Hearts of Hope, Ukraine" we long to see many orphans find a home, a family, and a respite from their many burdens. Their ministry is to help these young people grow physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Greg and Bonnie point them to a Heavenly Father and they teach them about what it means to live in a family, love their sisters and brothers, and about having their own families one day. In February 2022, the Harrison's (including all of the young adults) fled to Romania to escape the war.

Prayer Requests from the Harrison's:

- *Peace in Ukraine.*
- *For the gospel and LOVE of Jesus Christ to touch the hearts of the many orphans and refugees we serve.*
- *For wisdom and courage as we make decisions about possibly purchasing some land/house here in Romania for another "arm" of Hearts of Hope.*
- *For the disabled young adults that live with us here in Romania to learn a trade that will allow them some semi-independence.*
- *Pray for Pastor Slava and Ruslan who take care of our home in Kiliya, Ukraine, and as they minister to refugees who live in our home there.*
- *For our son Alex, and his bride, Dasha as they spend a year in the states applying for a "green card" for Dasha.*
- *For the 17 orphan boys we minister to who moved from Ukraine to Romania as refugees, and the possibility that a few of them could come and live with us at some point.*

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 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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