

CHRIST
THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 4, 2024

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 – 1st grade 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] Let us worship the eternal God. the source of love and life, who creates us.

[P] **Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.**

[L] Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

[P] **To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

ALL PEOPLE THAT ONE EARTH DO DWELL

Verse 1

All people that on earth do dwell
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice
Serve him with joy his praises tell
Come now before him and rejoice

Verse 2

Know that the Lord is God indeed
He formed us all without our aid
We are the flock he comes to feed
The sheep who by his hand were made

Chorus

O let the earth rejoice!
Lift up your voice
and magnify his holy name!
O let the earth rejoice!
Lift up your voice
and magnify his holy name!

Verse 3

O enter then his gates with joy

Within his courts his praise proclaim
Let thankful songs
your tongues employ
O bless and magnify his name

Chorus

Verse 4

Because the Lord our God is good
His mercy is forever sure
His faithfulness at all times stood
And shall from age to age endure

Chorus

Verse 5

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.

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] **Constant Sustainer, you are the ultimate source of life. You tell us in your Word that every good and perfect gift comes from you. You also tell us that even the birds of the air are provided for. But we find it so easy to doubt. We start to believe that you don't care for us, or that you aren't looking after us.**

Please help us to know your love and provision today. Please help us to see your constant care as we silently confess our sins to you now...

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] The good news is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again and again and again and again.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

[All] **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST

Verse 1

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that you would own
A rebel to your will
And if you had not loved me first
I would refuse you still

Verse 2

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

Chorus

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!
Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Verse 3

Now Lord I would be yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow your commands
Could never come from me
O Father use my ransomed life
In any way you choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is you.

Chorus

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!
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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.**

ALL YE REFUGEES

Verse 1

I am the One
The earth is My handmade work
the skies I laid them wide beauty unfurled
Horizon to horizon Creation to creation
Sings you home

Chorus

Welcome home. Gather round.
All ye refugees come in
Welcome home. Gather round.
All ye refugees come in

Verse 2

Oh refugee
I did not cast you out
In death and broken ground
salvation springs
My body and My blood
the healing that you need
Come and receive

Chorus

Welcome home. Gather round.
All ye refugees come in
Welcome home. Gather round.
All ye refugees come in

Watch and wait and see
What is yet to be
Watch and wait and see for the morning

Verse 3

Go out in joy
Join the great procession
The mountains and the heavens
all will rejoice
Horizon to horizon creation to creation
Horizon to horizon creation to creation
With one voice

Chorus

Welcome home. Gather round.
All ye refugees come in
Welcome home. Gather round.
All ye refugees come in

G O D S P E A K S

[W O R D]

S C R I P T U R E

Luke 9:12-17 ESV

Read by Natalee Stotz

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

¹² Now the day began to wear away, and the twelve came and said to him, “Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place.” ¹³ But he said to them, “You give them something to eat.” They said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.” ¹⁴ For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” ¹⁵ And they did so, and had them all sit down. ¹⁶ And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. ¹⁷ And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

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

Isaiah 40:8

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

Sermon Series:
MEALS WITH JESUS

Sermon:
THE TABLE 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 Greg Lane

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 A N C T U S

Holy! Holy! Holy, Lord!
 God of pow'r and might!
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory!
 Hosanna! Hosanna!
 Hosanna in the highest!
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
 Hosanna in the highest!

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

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

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

Verse 1

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

Verse 2

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

Verse 3

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

[Repeat]

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.



GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

Verse 1

Guide me O thou great Jehovah
Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak but thou art mighty
Hold me with thy pow'ful hand
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven
Feed me now and ever more
Feed me now and ever more

Verse 2

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer
Be Thou still my strength and shield
Be Thou still my strength and shield

Verse 3

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside
Death of death and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee
I will ever give to thee

B E N E D I C T I O N a n d S E N D I N G

[L] Beloved of God, go now in peace. Go to love. Go to serve.
 Go with the unending blessing of the One, True, Living God.
 Father – Son – 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:

MON, FEB 5

WOMENS' 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 supper will be served.

This is a weekly Bible study in the Psalms. You may purchase the study guide, **“Psalms: At His Feet”** (Blanton/Gordon) on Amazon.

FRI, FEB 9

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.

SUN, FEB 11

DEACONS FUND 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 make a note on the memo line of your check or give online using the QR code on page 11.

ON THE CALENDAR:

THURS, FEB 22

NEW TO CTR DESSERT FELLOWSHIP – 7-8:30 PM

@ the Roberts', 64 Brook Road, Portland

Whether you have been visiting for a week or 6 months, but you would like to get to know CTR better, we would love for you to join us for some dessert and conversation! You will have an opportunity to interact with Pastor Sean and other leaders at CTR and find out how you can become a part of what's happening here.

SAT, FEB 24

CTR TRIVIA NIGHT – 5 – 7:30 PM

Ladies and gentlemen, get ready for an epic brain-battle at our upcoming "CTR Trivia Night"! Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 24th, 5-7.30pm as we dive into a night of mind-bending trivia, laughter, and fun!

But that's not all – we've got your taste buds covered with delicious pizza, and to make it even sweeter, childcare will be provided! So, bring your A-game and leave the rest to us.

Oh, did we mention there will be PRIZES? Get ready to walk away with more than just bragging rights. It's an evening you won't want to miss. See you there, trivia champions!

Plan to join us!

@ North Deering Congregational Church [Fellowship Hall], 1364 Washington Ave, Portland

WED, FEB 28

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

Our book for next month is: "The Winners: A Novel" by Fredrik Backman. For more info, please contact Claire Roberts [clerkus@gmail.com].

CTR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Are you interested in joining a community group at CTR? Signing up for a community group is simple!

Fill out a form online at <https://www.ctrportland.org/community-groups> or use this QR code to go directly to the form.

To contact one of the coordinators:

Amanda McKrell (griswoldam1@gmail.com or 716-479-0093)

Matt Reid (mattreid522@gmail.com or 404-550-8872).



[SIGN UP HERE](#)

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIESAbby Reid
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MISSIONS COORDINATOR.....Kathi Favre
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SPECIAL EVENTS.....Claire Roberts
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How Do I Get and Stay Connected at CTR?

At CTR we long for clear communication and deep bonds. We are excited that you're interested in being more connected and involved. The following is a list of our communication channels and their purpose in the life of our body:

1. EMAIL NEWSLETTER (*Keeping in Touch*)

This is the primary vehicle by which we communicate regarding the life of our church. Most weeks you will receive an email with announcements and upcoming events. From time to time, our elders will also use this vehicle for church-wide or members only correspondence. **NOTE:** *If you are not regularly checking your email from CTR, it will be difficult to feel and be connected in the life of our church.* [Use this QR code to sign up for the email.]



2. CTR APP & TEXT MESSAGES

The CTR App is designed to help those in our church interact with each other. It is largely crowd sourced and includes information on informal meetups, prayer requests, live and past sermons/services, different hobby groups, ways to give, etc. [See page 14 to download the App.]

Text Messages are sent exclusively as reminders about events in the days/hours immediately beforehand.

3. SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday mornings employ several communication methods, including written **announcements in our Order of Worship**, verbally highlighted **announcements**, and (new) **projected announcements** running before and after the service. Sunday Morning announcements are focused on pointing people to events and ministries that help them explore or integrate more fully into the life of our church. Given the diverse backgrounds and circumstances of those attending Sunday Morning Worship, only on rare and exceptional occasions will these vehicles be used by leadership for information that is primarily member focused.

4. CTR WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

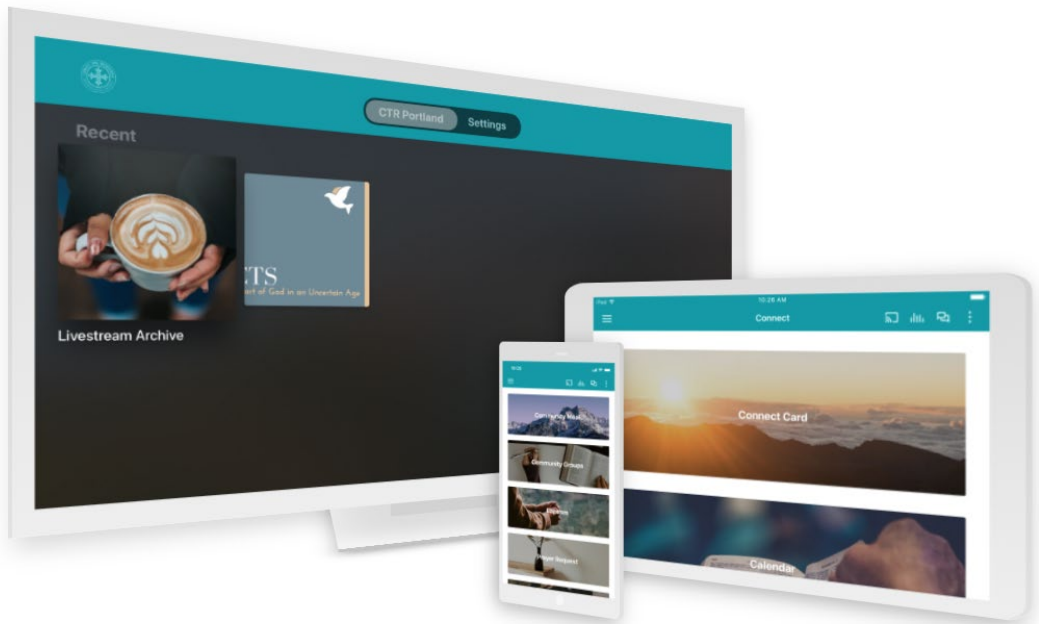
Both mediums are designed to be primarily outward facing.

The CTR Website [ctrportland.org] is designed to be our front door– a welcoming place for new people to discover and learn about our church. It is minimal in announcements and church life information.

Social Media [Instagram & Facebook] is used for promotion of church events. People are encouraged to “re-post” as a way of sharing with and inviting their friends. [@ctrportland]

If you would like to access or have had difficulty accessing any of these vehicles, please contact ctr@ctrportland.org. Our admin, Cheryl Sullivan, is happy to help you get integrated into our communication systems.

DOWNLOAD THE CTR APP!





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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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