



CHRIST  
THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 19, 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] Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

[P] **We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!**

[L] Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

[P] **Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.**

[L] Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

[P] **Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!**

Based on John 4:24 and 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

### S O N G

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

## 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] **Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gift of your grace symbolized in baptism, O God, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.**

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

SONG

HAVE MERCY

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them and show them my salvation.

Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

based on Psalm 91: 14-15

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

SONG

I SHALL NOT WANT

LIFE OF THE PEOPLE  
[ ANNOUNCEMENTS ]

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism of **Juliet Josephine Larrabee & Charlotte Jean Larrabee**

Covenant Children of Tom & Erika Larrabee

Baptism of **Vivian Bowe Pozzessere**

Covenant Child of Nicholas & Lindsey Pozzessere

VOWS for the PARENTS:

*Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?*

*Do you claim God's covenant promises on her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?*

*Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?*

VOW for the CONGREGATION:

*Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?*

PRAYER OF BAPTISM BLESSING

SONG

JESUS LOVES ME

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

BE THOU MY VISION

S C R I P T U R E

Matthew 6:7-13; James 1:12-18

Read by Douglas Peaslee

*The Lord's Prayer*

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

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.

<sup>10</sup>Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup>Give us this day our daily bread,

<sup>12</sup>and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>12</sup> Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup> Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup> But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup> Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

<sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup> Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

[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:  
“LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US  
FROM EVIL”

Rev. Josh Henderson  
Assistant Pastor



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #'S 127

[L] What is the sixth petition?

[P] **And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. That is: In ourselves we are so weak that we cannot stand even for a moment. Moreover, our sworn enemies – the devil, the world, and our own flesh – do not cease to attack us. Wilt Thou, therefore, uphold and strengthen us by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, so that in this spiritual war we may not go down to defeat, but always firmly resist our enemies, until we finally obtain the complete victory.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Laura Wiersma

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.**

# GOD STRENGTHENS

[TABLE]

## 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  
OUT OF THE DEPTHS

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

G U I D E M E , O T H O U G R E A T J E H O V A H

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

[L] Sisters and brothers, let us claim the freedom Christ gives us by his self-giving on the cross. May he enable us to serve together in faith, hope, and love. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

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

# HIGHLIGHTS

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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:

MON, MAR 20

### **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)

FRI, MAR 24

### **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.

SAT, MAR 25

### **TUCKERMAN'S RAVINE SLEDDING TRIP**

For many years - first as a youth group activity and then as an outing for the young at heart - members of CTR have gathered in the early spring for a trek up to the floor of Tuckerman's Ravine (Madison, NH) followed by an arguably ill-advised sled ride down the Sherburne Ski Trail. This is your invitation to join us on **Saturday, March 25** for the 2023 version of this adventure. We'll carpool out to the Whites from various points in the Portland area that morning, do the hike, and then get some lunch as a group before returning home. Contact Dan McKrell for more information: 207-358-9754 or daniel.mckrell@gmail.com.

SUN, MAR 26

### **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

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!

FRI, APR 7

### **GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE – 6:30 PM**

Join us for this very special service in Holy Week. Tenebrae is a specific service that focuses on the cross and the death of Jesus. You will be invited into the story through scripture readings, times of meditation, and sacred music to truly feel the sadness and sorrow of Christ's death, so that together we may rejoice in his resurrection all the more on Easter Sunday.

*(There will be childcare provided for nursery-age children.)*

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](mailto: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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