



CHRIST  
THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 13, 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](#)*

# GOD SUMMONS

[ P R A I S E ]

## CALL TO WORSHIP

[L] People of God, worship the living God today! Remember that out of nothing God created the heavens and earth. Remember that God raised Jesus from the powerlessness of death to the power of his right hand. Remember that not even the gates of hell can stand against God's purposes.

[All] **Behold our God, who reigns now and forever.**

## GOD IS FOR US

Michael Farren, James Ferguson, Tiarne Tranter, Jesse Reeves,  
Jonny Robinson, James Tealyand Rich Thompson

We won't fear the battle  
We won't fear the night  
We will walk the valley  
with you by our side  
You will go before us  
You will lead the way  
We have found a refuge  
only you can save

Chorus

*Sing with joy now our God is for us  
The Father's love is a strong  
and mighty fortress  
Raise your voice now no love is greater  
Who can stand against us  
if our God is for us*

Even when I stumble  
Even when I fall  
Even when I turn back  
still your love is sure  
You will not abandon  
You will not forsake  
You will cheer me onward  
with never ending grace

[Chorus]

Neither height nor depth  
can separate us  
Hell and death will not defeat us  
He who gave his Son to free us  
Holds me in his love  
*Sing 2x*

[Chorus]

# GOD SANCTIFIES

[RENEWAL]

## CONFESSION OF SIN

[All] **There are many times we think we love you well, O God. But upon hearing your call to love you with all our heart, and all our mind, and all our strength, we confess that our love for you is a diluted love, made insipid and flat by lesser loyalties and a divided heart. Our love seems pure only for brief moments; soon our affections are drawn away. How easily our devotion dies. Forgive us; in deep mercy spare us, despite our lost first love for you; in grace rekindle our love for you in seeing anew Jesus' love for us. Amen.**

## TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

## WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] The LORD is faithful in all his words,  
and gracious in all his deeds.  
The LORD upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

Psalm 145:13-14

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

GRACE

Niki Shepherd, Jonny Robinson, and Rich Thompson

Your grace that leads this sinner home  
From death to life forever  
And sings the song of righteousness  
By blood and not by merit

Your grace that reaches far and wide  
To every tribe and nation  
Has called my heart to enter in  
The joy of your salvation

*By grace, I am redeemed  
By grace, I am restored  
And now I freely walk  
Into the arms of Christ, my Lord*

Let praise rise up and overflow  
My song resound forever  
For grace will see me welcomed home  
To walk beside my Savior

*By grace, I am redeemed  
By grace, I am restored  
And now I freely walk  
Into the arms of Christ, my Lord*

AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

Stan Roto Walker, David Pritchard, Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio

Amazing grace  
How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm 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

Chorus:

*My chains are gone. I've been set free.  
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.  
And like a flood his mercy rains  
Unending love, amazing grace*

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

Chorus:

*My chains are gone. I've been set free.  
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.  
And like a flood his mercy rains  
Unending love, amazing grace*

[Sing 2x]

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 ]

**THE SOLID ROCK**

William Batchelder Bradbury and Edward Mote

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness veils his lovely face  
I rest on his unchanging grace  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand*

When he shall come with trumpet sound  
O may I then in him be found  
Dressed in his righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand*



## SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 12

Read by Jane Powers-Odenbach

## James Killed and Peter Imprisoned

<sup>1</sup>About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. <sup>2</sup>He killed James the brother of John with the sword, <sup>3</sup>and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. <sup>4</sup>And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. <sup>5</sup>So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

## Peter Is Rescued

<sup>6</sup>Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. <sup>7</sup>And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. <sup>8</sup>And the angel said to him, "Dress yourself and put on your sandals." And he did so. And he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." <sup>9</sup>And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. <sup>10</sup>When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. <sup>11</sup>When Peter came to himself, he said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

<sup>12</sup>When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying. <sup>13</sup>And when he knocked at the door of the gateway, a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer. <sup>14</sup>Recognizing Peter's voice, in her joy she did not open the gate but ran in and reported that Peter was standing at the gate. <sup>15</sup>They said to her, "You are out of your mind." But she kept insisting that it was so, and they kept saying, "It is his angel!" <sup>16</sup>But Peter continued knocking, and when they opened, they saw him and were amazed. <sup>17</sup>But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, "Tell these things to James and to the brothers." Then he departed and went to another place.

<sup>18</sup> Now when day came, there was no little disturbance among the soldiers over what had become of Peter. <sup>19</sup> And after Herod searched for him and did not find him, he examined the sentries and ordered that they should be put to death. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and spent time there.

### The Death of Herod

<sup>20</sup> Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon, and they came to him with one accord, and having persuaded Blastus, the king's chamberlain, they asked for peace, because their country depended on the king's country for food. <sup>21</sup> On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat upon the throne, and delivered an oration to them. <sup>22</sup> And the people were shouting, "The voice of a god, and not of a man!" <sup>23</sup> Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him down, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and breathed his last.

<sup>24</sup> But the word of God increased and multiplied.

<sup>25</sup> And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had completed their service, bringing with them John, whose other name was Mark.

[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.**

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 13, 2022

Series:

ACTS: THE GOSPEL GOES FORTH

Sermon:

THE MYSTERIOUS WAYS OF GOD

Rev. Sean J.S. Roberts

Senior Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q & A's #1 & 2

[L] What is the chief end of man?

[All] **Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.**

[L] What rule has God given to direct us in how to glorify and enjoy him?

[All] **The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us as to how we may glorify and enjoy him.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Elder Timothy Yagel

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, 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.

## WORDS OF INVITATION & INSTITUTION

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

[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.

## PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

Sandra McCracken

*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*

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

*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*

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

*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*

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

*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*

## 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]  
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R E S O U R C E S  
[our tithes and offerings]

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## YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, and Michael Farren

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Savior he will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed  
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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

[L]    As you leave the sanctuary today, may you know the hope to which God has called you, experience the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and trust his incomparable great power for us who believe. Amen.

[All]   **Thanks be to God.**

# HIGHLIGHTS...

February 13, 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:

TODAY

### **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 today or you may use the GIVE QR code on Page 14 and select Deacons Fund in the drop-down box.

THURS, FEB 17

### **CTR DROP-IN EVENT – 5-7 PM**

Join us for a winter drop-in event at *Wilson County Barbeque* (82 Hanover Street, Suite 8, Portland). Everyone is welcome to come!

SAT, FEB 26

### **YOUNG ADULT SUPPER – 6 PM**

@ The Henderson's, 903 Ocean Avenue, Portland

WED, MAR 2

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – 6:30 PM**

SUNDAY, MAR 13

### **SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCH - (After the Worship Service)**

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

Theme for March: “Going Green” You define the terms. It could mean good for the earth, from the earth, or your item is the actual color green. Have fun with this!

Everyone is welcome!

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES  
*GREG AND BONNIE HARRISON*  
in the UKRAINE

Please continue to pray for the Harrisons as they put their plans to temporarily leave Ukraine into action. They had expected to leave sooner but have used the time wisely. A family from a church in Kiliya (the husband has been working with Greg on the new construction) will be staying in their house with the animals and the one girl who does not yet have a passport. They hope that the work on the addition will be able to continue while they are away. Here is an update sent from Bonnie:

*"There is an adoptive family coming here on Thursday that is bringing me my BP meds. So our plan is to wait for them to bring those to Kiliya and then head for Romania, probably Friday. All the vehicles are ready, most of our personal belongings are packed and organized, lots of discussions with those who will be taking care of our house while we are gone, and the guys have done a ton of work on framing the roof. They are hoping to have it fully framed before we leave. Then the guys who live here can finish the insulation with reeds and ash and the roofers can put the roof on...if of course we give the 'go ahead' to continue the project. One day at a time."*

They have a private Facebook page that you can follow if you'd like to see photos and posts of the work they are doing in Ukraine. See it here <https://www.facebook.com/groups/155208951288288> , and request to join the group. It's good to follow up the request with a private message that lets them know you are from CTR and are praying for them.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL PRAYERS FOR THIS FAMILY!

# 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](mailto: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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