



CHRIST
THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 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]

CALL TO WORSHIP

[L] We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart;
we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

[P] **We will be glad and exult in you;
we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

Psalm 9:1-2

SONGS

10,000 REASONS [BLESS THE LORD]

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

[R E N E W A L]

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 word 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 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.**

SONG

AMAZING GRACE [MY CHAINS ARE GONE]

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]

S O N G

OUT OF THE DEPTHS

S C R I P T U R E

Psalm 130

Read by Haylee Freeman

My Soul Waits for the Lord

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

² O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

³If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?

⁴But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.

⁵I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

⁶my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

⁷O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.

⁸And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

[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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Sermon:
IN THE DEPTHS

Rev. Jason Stryd
Pastor to Albanian Immigrants in Boston Metro

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

[L] Christian, what do you believe?

[P] **I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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]

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: DOXOLOGY [Old 100th]

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

COMMUNION SONG

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

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]

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

LET YOUR KINGDOM COME

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

[L] May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I Thessalonians 5:23

[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 the church office (ctr@ctrportland.org).

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 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:

SUN, APR 23

TEEN BIBLE STUDY – 9 AM

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

MON, APR 24

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)

THUR, APR 27

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, APR 28

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, APR 30

INQUIRERS' CLASS #1 – after the Worship Service (Lunch provided)

Interested in learning more about CTR or possibly becoming a member? Consider coming to our Inquirers' Class. This is a great opportunity to casually interact, ask questions, get to know our leaders, and learn more about our beliefs and passions. There is no pressure to join or even attend CTR if you come to the class. However, if you would like to become a member, the Inquirers' Class is a prerequisite. Let us know if you would like to attend!
[ctr@ctrportland.org]

ON THE CALENDAR:

FRI, MAY 5 –
SAT, MAY 6

A PRAYING LIFE SEMINAR – [Fri, 6-9 pm; Sat, 9 am – Noon]
@ North Deering Congregational Church [Sanctuary]

As we have recently concluded the sermon series on *The Lord's Prayer*, join us in this seminar so we may take strides together in living out the message of that series.

Rev. James Pavlic will lead us through the seminar which "explores Jesus' simple yet powerful teachings on prayer to help badly praying Christians—that's 99% of us—discover the joy of prayer. We practice becoming child-like, patterning our prayers after Jesus' own teaching and prayers,"

More information at: <https://www.seejesus.net/host-event/praying-life-seminar>

"The *A Praying Life Seminar* is the most practical training in prayer possible, yet it is rooted in biblical theology. I highly recommend it."

Rev. Tim Keller, Redeemer Presbyterian Church, New York, NY

Childcare provided.

To register, please use this QR code and complete the form.



SUN, MAY 7

INQUIRERS' CLASS #2 – after the Worship Service

THUR, MAY 11

ABBA, WOMEN'S CHOICE ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARENESS FUNDRAISING BANQUET – 6:30 PM (Doors open)
@ The Italian Heritage Center

Dinner and program are from 7:00-9:00 pm. Our guest speaker is Thomas Glessner, J.D., President of the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates.

Connie Woodward is hosting a table for the evening. Come and have dinner, hear about the work of Abba, and listen to a great speaker. Dinner is complimentary. An opportunity to make a financial gift will be extended. **RSVP by May 1st** to Connie (woodwardte@yahoo.com). This is an adult-only event.

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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