

CHRIST
THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 22, 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](#)

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

Tim Hughes

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore you
Hope of a life spent with you

*So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that you're my God
And you're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

King of all days
Oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly you came
To the earth you created
All for love's sake became poor

*So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that you're my God
And you're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

*So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that you're my God
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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] Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace;
approach our God, who is full of mercy.

[P] **We will praise God with all our heart
and glorify the name of the Most High forever.**

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

Anne Steele, George Keith, John Rippon, and Joseph Funk

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word
What more can He say than to you He hath said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not I am with thee O be not dismayed
For I am thy God I will still give thee aid
I'll strengthen thee help thee
And cause thee to stand
Upheld by My gracious omnipotent hand

When through the deep waters He calls thee to go
The rivers of grief shall not thee overflow
For He will be with thee in trouble to bless
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not I will not desert to its foes
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never no never no never forsake

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] **God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts. Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you. Seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

based on Joel 2:13; 2 Corinthians 9:15

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

HIS MERCY IS MORE

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins, they are many. His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest. the vilest. the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness; new every morn
Our sins, they are many. His mercy is more.*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment. His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins, they are many. His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness; new every morn
Our sins, they are many. His mercy is more.*

[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]

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

Ada Ruth Habershon and Matthew Merker

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast*

Those he saves are his delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in his holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast*

For my life he bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When he comes at last

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast
[Sing 2x]*

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 27:13-32

Read by David Dyke

The Storm at Sea

¹³ Now when the south wind blew gently, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, they weighed anchor and sailed along Crete, close to the shore. ¹⁴ But soon a tempestuous wind, called the northeaster, struck down from the land. ¹⁵ And when the ship was caught and could not face the wind, we gave way to it and were driven along. ¹⁶ Running under the lee of a small island called Cauda, we managed with difficulty to secure the ship's boat. ¹⁷ After hoisting it up, they used supports to undergird the ship. Then, fearing that they would run aground on the Syrtis, they lowered the gear, and thus they were driven along. ¹⁸ Since we were violently storm-tossed, they began the next day to jettison the cargo. ¹⁹ And on the third day they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. ²⁰ When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned.

²¹ Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul stood up among them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and incurred this injury and loss. ²² Yet now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. ²³ For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, ²⁴ and he said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.' ²⁵ So take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. ²⁶ But we must run aground on some island."

²⁷ When the fourteenth night had come, as we were being driven across the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors suspected that they were nearing land. ²⁸ So they took a sounding and found twenty fathoms. A little farther on they took a sounding again and found fifteen fathoms. ²⁹ And fearing that we might run on the rocks, they let down four anchors from the stern and prayed for day to come. ³⁰ And as the sailors were seeking to escape from the ship, and had lowered the ship's boat into the sea under pretense of laying out anchors from the bow, ³¹ Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved." ³² Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the ship's boat and let it go.

[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:

ACTS: THE HEART OF GOD IN AN UNCERTAIN AGE

Sermon:

JOURNEY TO ROME

Rev. Sean J.S. Roberts

Senior Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

[L] Christian, what is it that we believe?

[P] **We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Roger Kepler

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise him above ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia!

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

ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST

Jordan Kauflin

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

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

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ!

Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

[Sing 2x]

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

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ!

Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

[Sing 2x]

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.

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.



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*

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

[L] Go in peace...in the knowledge of God's power.
 Go in confidence...in the knowledge of God's strength.
 Go in joy...in the knowledge of God's love.

[All] **Amen.**

HIGHLIGHTS...

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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

[RE] GATHER CELEBRATION @ CTR – 11:45 AM

We are excited to host an event that celebrates the in-person gathering together of our church after two years of Covid! Lunch will be provided for you [grilled chicken, delicious side dishes and for dessert, a gelato truck will be coming!] There will be games and activities for the kids [including a Bounce-House]!

WED, MAY 25

MEN'S DROP-IN EVENT – 4-6 PM - *1st of 2022!**

Wilson County Barbeque
82 Hanover Street, Portland

FRI, MAY 27

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 (@ctrportland) 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.

THURS, JUNE 9

MEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY – Thursdays @ 9 AM (beginning June 9)

This study will be led by Alden Groves and is open to any man who would like to join. The study will be on the Letter of Galatians using John Stott's "*Galatians: Experiencing the Grace of Christ.*" Plan to join Alden on Thursdays in the conference room @ 1364 Washington Ave, Portland.
E-mail: alden.d.groves@gmail.com

JUNE 17-19

CTR SPRING CAMPING TRIP

We would love for you to join us for our CTR camping trip to **Sebago Lake State Park**! The last form helped us get the sites reserved, but we now need you to sign up with number of campers and vehicles. We are looking forward to it!

Please take a second to fill out the Google form via this QR code to let us know if you intend to join us!



SUN, JUL 31

**ANNUAL CTR SUMMER PICNIC – after the Worship Service
@ Two Lights State Park, Cape Elizabeth**

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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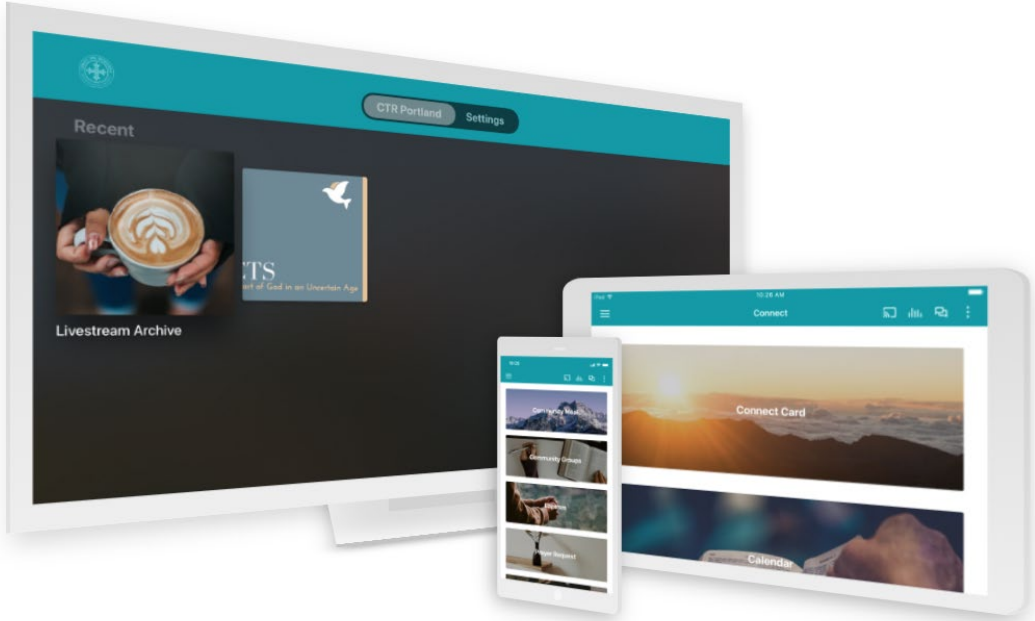
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CTR PRAYER CHAIN:

If you have a prayer request or would like to join the prayer chain at CTR, please send an email to prayer@ctrportland.org. The coordinators, Carol Fecteau or Megan Tshikoji, will be happy to help.

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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