

CHRIST
THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 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] Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise.

[P] **All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name.**

Psalm 66:1-2, 4

SONGS

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

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

[R E N E W A L]

CONFESSION OF SIN

[All] **Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.**

God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] While it is true that we have sinned it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God, I say, In Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven.

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

SONG

COME THOU FOUNT

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

I'LL NOT BE SHAKEN

S C R I P T U R E

Matthew 20:1-16

Read by Jocelin Yagel

Laborers in the Vineyard

¹“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

[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 Series:
KINGDOM STORIES: PARABLES

Sermon:
A PARABLE ON GRACE

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 Sue Miller

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

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

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]

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This takes you to our online giving portal.



S O N G

H O W F I R M A F O U N D A T I O N

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

[L] Go forth in the name of the Lord.

This is God's charge: We should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us.

based on I John 3:23

[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
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 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]

MON, MAY 1

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, MAY 5

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.

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.



ON THE CALENDAR:

SUN, MAY 7

TEEN BIBLE STUDY – 9 AM

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

TWO LIGHTS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – 9 AM

For children in 3rd-5th grade! Join us Sunday mornings for treats + fun while deepening your knowledge and faith in the Gospel! For more information, please contact Ally Henderson (ahenderson@ctrportland.org).

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.

SUN, MAY 14

DEACONS 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 make may a note on the memo line of your check or give online using the QR code on page 8.

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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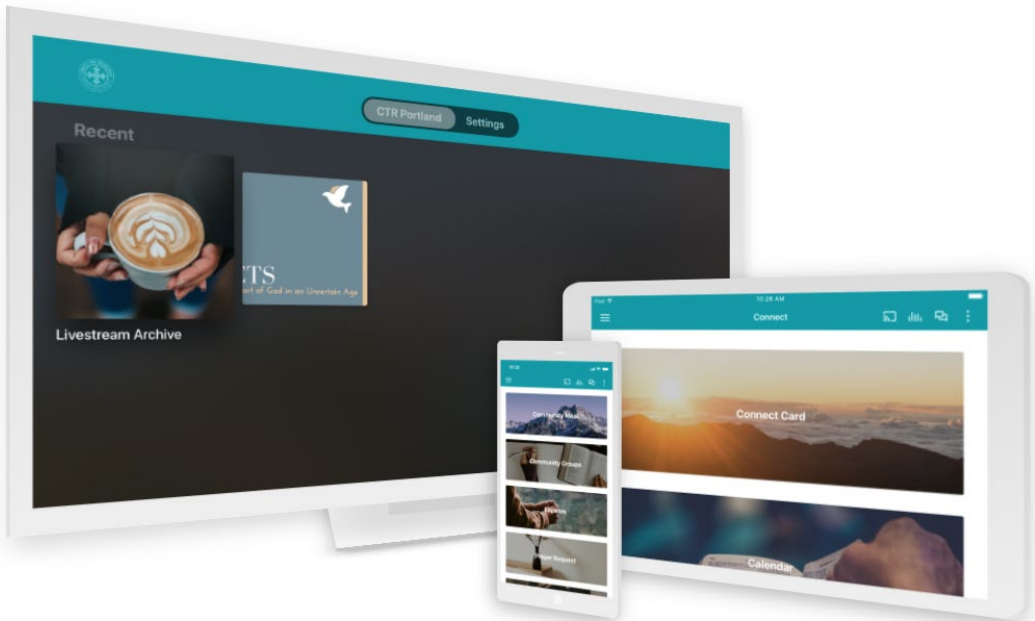
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Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church
longs to be a diverse people who gather around
and extend the table of God's grace.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00 AM

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