



CHRIST
THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 24, 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](#)

OH, GIVE THANKS [PSALM 107]

Wendell Kimbrough

We were wand'ring in the desert
with our souls so starved and weak.
We were hungry for a homeland
we did not know how to seek.
But we lifted up our voices
to the only One who hears;
And the God of mercy came
and brought us near.

*Oh, give thanks to the LORD
for His love endures forever!
We were wandering and lost,
and our Father brought us home,
To a safe dwelling place,
to a feast of joy and laughter.
Oh, give thanks to the LORD,
for He is good!*

We were locked out of the garden,
and our backs bent down with pain.
In the shadow of death's darkness,
we were slaves to sin and blame.
Then we cried out in our labor
to the only One who hears,
And the God of mercy
wiped away our tears.

*Oh, give thanks to the LORD
for His love endures forever!
We were wandering and lost,
and our Father brought us home,
To a safe dwelling place,
to a feast of joy and laughter.
Oh, give thanks to the LORD,
for He is good!*

We were fools in our rebellion,
with our hunger strike of pride.
We were sick and growing closer
to the death we should have died.
Then he heard of our condition,
and he called us by our names;
And the God of glory
took away our shame.

*Oh, give thanks to the LORD
for His love endures forever!
We were wandering and lost,
and our Father brought us home,
To a safe dwelling place,
to a feast of joy and laughter.
Oh, give thanks to the LORD,
for He is good!
[Sing 2x]*

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] Give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good;

[P] **his love endures forever.**

[L] In our anguish we cried to the LORD,
and he answered by setting us free.
Give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good;

[P] **his love endures forever.**

[L] We will not die but live,
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.
Give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good;

[P] **his love endures forever.**

[L] The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

[P] **The LORD has done this;
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

[L] This is the day the LORD has made;

[All] **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

from Psalm 118:1,5,14,17,22-24 NIV

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

George Job Elvey, Godfrey Thring, and Matthew Bridges

Crown him with many crowns
The Lamb upon his throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
Of him who died for thee
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity

Crown him the Lord of love
Behold his hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight
But downward bends each burning eye
At mysteries so bright

Crown him the Lord of peace
Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole
That wars may cease
And all be prayer and praise
His reign shall know no end
And round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet

Crown him the Lord of years
The Potentate of time
Creator of the rolling spheres
Ineffably sublime
All hail, Redeemer, hail
For thou hast died for me
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity

GOD SANCTIFIES

[RENEWAL]

CONFESSION OF SIN

[L] If, at times, we deny you,

[P] **God forgive.**

[L] When the risks of discipleship are high, and we are nowhere to be found:

[P] **God forgive.**

[L] When we wash our hands of responsibility:

[P] **God forgive.**

[L] When we cast our lot with powerful oppressors and seek to buy freedom with silver:

[P] **God forgive.**

[L] When fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth, or prejudice keeps us from believing it:

[P] **God forgive.**

[L] In the continuing light of Easter morning, O God, our sin is exposed, and your grace is revealed.

Tender God, raise us in your love so that, with joy, we may witness to your awesome deeds, in the name of Jesus, the risen one. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

--I Corinthians 15:54-57 NRSV

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

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

Charles Crozat Converse and Joseph Medlicott Scriven

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations
Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care
Precious Savior still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Do thy friends despise forsake thee
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In his arms he'll take and shield thee
Thou wilt find a solace there

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]

SPEAK, O LORD

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
To receive the food of your holy word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for your glory

Teach us, Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace, we'll stand on your promises
And by faith, we'll walk as you walk with us
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built
And the earth is filled with your glory

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 20:17-38

Read by Roger Kepler

Paul Speaks to the Ephesian Elders

¹⁷ Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸ And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹ testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²² And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴ But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵ And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸ Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰ and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. ³² And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵ In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

³⁶ And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. ³⁷ And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, ³⁸ being sorrowful most of

all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

[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:

PAUL'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

Rev. Sean J.S. Roberts
Senior Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

[L] Christian, what do you believe?

[All] **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 Rick Hollen, *Elder*

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, 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.

D O X O L O G Y

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

BEHOLD THE LAMB

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away
Slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of his sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ
Torn for you eat and remember
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of his sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
Shed for you drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of his sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth
As we share in his suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

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.



FOR ALL THE SAINTS

William Howe, Christopher Miner

For all the saints,
who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith
before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus,
be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Allelu...

Thou wast their rock,
their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain
in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness
drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Allelu...

O may thy soldiers,
faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints
who nobly fought of old,
And win with them
the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Allelu...

The golden evening
brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful
warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm
of paradise the blessed.
Alleluia, Allelu...

But lo! There breaks
a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant
rise in bright array;
The King of glory
passes on his way,
Alleluia, Allelu...

From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl
streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

BENEDICTION & SENDING

[L] Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

-Ephesians 3:20-21

[All] **Amen.**

HIGHLIGHTS...

April 24, 2022

NEW TO CTR? Welcome! If you would like to connect, learn more about our church or subscribe to our weekly announcement email, please use this QR code.



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:

SUN, APR 24

YOUNG ADULTS SUNDAY SUPPER – 6:30 PM
@ the Henderson's

FRI, APR 29

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.

SAT, APR 30

MEAL FOR NEW MAINERS @ MOTEL 6
A MERCY MINISTRY TEAM PROJECT

We are getting ready to serve another meal for our new friends who are temporarily housed at Motel 6. And we would be grateful for your help! There are several ways to serve in this ministry. Please use this QR code to see the possibilities and sign up!



SAT, MAY 14 –
SUN, MAY 15

CTR MISSIONS WEEKEND

Plan to join in as we welcome Marc Davis and Drs. Peter and Rebekah Stafford from Serge for the entire weekend. On Saturday afternoon/evening (4 PM), the Roberts will host an all-church gathering at their home to welcome our guests and allow you an opportunity to hear about their ministry in an informal setting. On Sunday, Marc and the Stafford's will join us for the worship service. Everyone is encouraged to come out and join us!

SUN, MAY 22

[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 [fried chicken, delicious side dishes and dessert!] and there will be games and activities for the kids! This will be held on the grounds at 97 Allen Ave. following the Worship Service. [Rain Date: June 5]

ON THE CALENDAR:

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!



MEN'S DROP-IN EVENTS ARE KICKING OFF

Men's Drop-In Events will kick off for the summer in May! We will do regular drop in events at a number of spots for food, games, and drinks. This is a great low-key, casual way to connect with other guys in the church. Our first event will be on **May 25th**. Men's Drop-Ins will then run every 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 4pm-6pm through the summer. Keep an eye out for more details in May.

Contact Josh Henderson for more information. (jhenderson@ctrportland.org)

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. The coordinators, Carol Fecteau or Megan Tshikoji, 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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