



CHRIST
THE REDEEMER
—PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 18, 2025

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 – 1st grade are welcome to go to Children's Church. They will re-join their families after the sermon.

→ You may use this QR code to link
to the lyrics in our worship service today.



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]

C A L L T O W O R S H I P

[L] Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

[P] **The God of glory thunders.
The voice of the Lord is powerful and majestic.**

[L] The Lord gives strength to his people;
the Lord blesses his people with peace!

Psalm 29

S O N G

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]

C O N F E S S I O N O F S I N

[L] As Christ's Church here on earth, we are invited to be a part of a bigger story, welcomed as members of a larger community, and called to a greater mission. In humble repentance we must acknowledge that we do not always embrace or live out the faith to which we have been called.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

[P] **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

[L] Merciful Father, we have not been the Church you call us to be.

- [P] **We confess that we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have been content to simply go to church, while neglecting our responsibility to BE the church. We have selfishly taken your salvation for granted, and failed to bring the story of redemption to the world around us. Forgive us. Renew us by your Spirit so that we might walk with you and bring glory to your name.**

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- [L] Church of God, rejoice! God has brought his salvation into the world through Jesus. In his mercy, he has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit, he cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of our God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. Be at peace, your sins are forgiven!

- [P] **Alleluia! Amen!**

SONG

MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE

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.**

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SONG
SHOW US CHRIST

G O D S P E A K S

[W O R D]

S C R I P T U R E

Matthew 28:8-10, 16-20 ESV

Read by Neil Schenk

⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

The Great Commission

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

[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.**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Sermon Series:
DEEP ROOTS

Sermon:
ROOTED IN LOVE

Rev. Sean J.S. Roberts
Lead 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 Elder Quincy Freeman

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]

C E L E B R A T I N G H O L Y C O M M U N I O N

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 [JUDE 23-24]

W O R D S O F I N V I T A T I O N & I N S T I T U T I O N

P R A Y E R O F T H A N K S G I V I N G

P A R T A K I N G O F T H E E L E M E N T S

SONG

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

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.

SONG

FOR THE CAUSE

B E N E D I C T I O N a n d S E N D I N G

[L] As you go through your week, may you remember that not only is God for you, God is with you. And just as you can trust Jesus' death and resurrection for your eternal life, you can trust God with every moment of every day until that time. May you watch for opportunities to share this good news with everyone you encounter in the week ahead.

[P] **Amen!**

[L] Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

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

HIGHLIGHTS

May 18, 2025

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ON THE CALENDAR:

TODAY

ROOTED IN PRAYER [9 AM]

Time to gather and pray and to have questions answered regarding the possible purchase of 61 Neal Street.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES [9 AM]

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – 11:30 AM

The session has called a congregational meeting for TODAY, immediately following the Worship Service. All are welcome to attend, but if you are a member of CTR, please make every effort to be present, as this meeting will include a congregational vote. Following a season of prayerful discernment, the session will present to the members the motion to proceed with the purchase of 61 Neal Street as our permanent church home in Portland.

CTR COMMUNITY POTLUCK – BRUNCH BASH! – Noon

After our congregational meeting, you're invited to stick around for a church-wide brunch potluck—a time to slow down, share a meal, and enjoy one another's company.

Think quiches, fruit salads, muffins, and coffee cake. Maybe someone will bring breakfast casseroles or homemade cinnamon rolls! Whatever ends up on the table, it's sure to be delicious—because it's made (or chosen!) by the members of the CTR community.

Let's remember - this is more than brunch—It's a simple but meaningful expression of one way we live as the church—gathered around the table, grateful for what God is doing among us, and eager to keep growing together.

MON, MAY 19

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – 6 PM

We will gather each Monday at the home of Laura Wiersma, 29 Lilac Lane in New Gloucester. A light supper will be served.

Our book this semester is: *The Prodigal God* by Tim Keller

ON THE CALENDAR:

THURS, MAY 22

BOUQUETS & BITES - LADIES FELLOWSHIP – 6-8 PM

Join us for an evening of creativity and fellowship! Bring your own vase, and we'll provide a beautiful array of fresh flowers for you to create your own custom bouquet.

Enjoy a spread of delicious bites while you design, chat, and share in the joy of fellowship. Feel free to bring a dish to share!

Location: 18 Mitchell Hill Road, Scarborough

Please RSVP to Tammy: 207-671-0936

Come hungry, come creative, and come ready for a wonderful time with the ladies!

FRI, MAY 23

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.

SAT, JUN 7



CTR NIGHT @ THE SEADOGS – 5:15 PM

Come cheer on the Portland Sea Dogs with us on Saturday, June 7 at Hadlock Field! This is a great event for all ages — a fun way to enjoy a summer evening together as a church family. Invite your friends and family! Tickets are available @ the QR code to the left. [Deadline for CTR reserved tickets is May 26.]

JUL 21-24



FCA POWER CAMP – GREATER PORTLAND

Volunteer for FCA Camp 2025! Be part of something big this summer as we partner with Fellowship of Christian Athletes to host a 4-day sports and faith-based camp for kids in Portland!

♀ July 21–24 | 9am–2pm | Presumpscot Park (Deering High)

We need volunteers to serve as: Coaches (Head & Assistant), Huddle Leaders, Greeters & Registration, General Helpers, Games Team & Dinner Team, Junior Camp Volunteers

You don't need to be an athlete—just someone who wants to make a difference.

Use this QR code
to volunteer

Questions? Contact **Abby Reid** at ☎ 404.723.4448 | ✉ areid@ctrportland.org



TO PLEDGE
ONLINE

DEEP ROOTS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

As part of our **Deep Roots Capital Campaign**, we've invited everyone in our community to prayerfully consider how they can support the next chapter of our church's life together.

If you would prefer to make a pledge online, please visit our **online pledge form**—and feel free to share the link with friends, family, or others in your circle who believe in the mission of our church.

Every gift, every conversation, and every step of faith helps us put down deep roots for generations to come.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Whether you're new to CTR or have been around for years, community groups are for you! These groups consist of regular, smaller gatherings in homes throughout Greater Portland, where we meet for fellowship, Bible study and prayer. Community groups are open to everyone (families, singles, couples, students, friends) at any age or stage - all at various points in their faith journey.

As Christ the Redeemer grows, community groups are increasingly the place where people are initiated into spiritual friendships and conversations where they can be more intimately known and cared for.

Our community groups will largely remain the same - so if you were involved in a community group last year, we already have a place for you (although, if you've moved or had another significant change, please let us know.).



If you're new to CTR, or to community groups, we hope you'll join us!

Please use the QR code to learn more and to sign-up.

LISTEN TO CTR ON SPOTIFY AND APPLE PODCASTS!

The sermon from each Sunday's Worship Service can be found on both Spotify and Apple Podcasts! This happens automatically each Sunday BUT please note that until the service is trimmed on Monday, the podcast will include the entire service. Once it is trimmed, it will include the scripture reading, the sermon and the prayer after the sermon. Please use the QR codes below to go straight to each platform.

Our full service is livestreamed to Facebook, YouTube and the CTR App. If you want to view the full service after Sunday, that can be viewed at any point on Facebook and YouTube.



Listen on
Apple Podcasts



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.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRIESAbby Reid
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How Do I Get and Stay Connected at CTR?

At CTR we long for clear communication and deep bonds. We are excited that you're interested in being more connected and involved. The following is a list of our communication channels and their purpose in the life of our body:

1. EMAIL NEWSLETTER (*Keeping in Touch*)

This is the primary vehicle by which we communicate regarding the life of our church. Most weeks you will receive an email with announcements and upcoming events. From time to time, our elders will also use this vehicle for church-wide or members only correspondence. **NOTE:** *If you are not regularly checking your email from CTR, it will be difficult to feel and be connected in the life of our church.* [Use this QR code to sign up for the email.]



2. CTR APP & TEXT MESSAGES

The CTR App is designed to help those in our church interact with each other. It is largely crowd sourced and includes information on informal meetups, prayer requests, live and past sermons/services, different hobby groups, ways to give, etc. [See page 16 to download the App.]

Text Messages are sent exclusively as reminders about events in the days/hours immediately beforehand.

3. SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday mornings employ several communication methods, including written **announcements in our Order of Worship**, verbally highlighted **announcements**, and (new) **projected announcements** running before and after the service. Sunday Morning announcements are focused on pointing people to events and ministries that help them explore or integrate more fully into the life of our church. Given the diverse backgrounds and circumstances of those attending Sunday Morning Worship, only on rare and exceptional occasions will these vehicles be used by leadership for information that is primarily member focused.

4. CTR WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

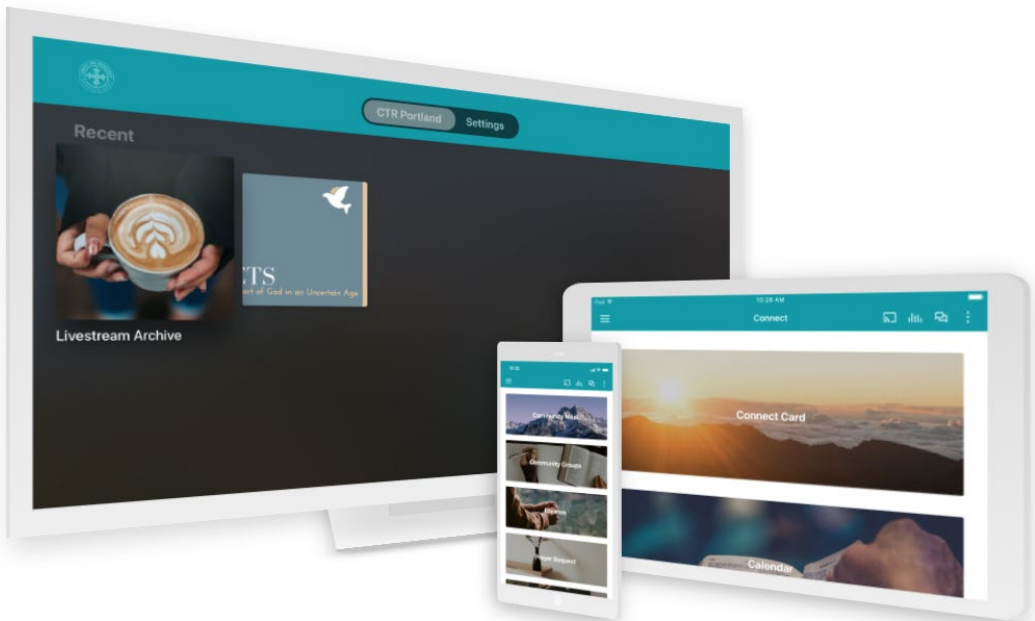
Both mediums are designed to be primarily outward facing.

The CTR Website [ctrportland.org] is designed to be our front door– a welcoming place for new people to discover and learn about our church. It is minimal in announcements and church life information.

Social Media [Instagram & Facebook] is used for promotion of church events. People are encouraged to “re-post” as a way of sharing with and inviting their friends. [@ctrportland]

If you would like to access or have had difficulty accessing any of these vehicles, please contact ctr@ctrportland.org. Our admin, Cheryl Sullivan, is happy to help you get integrated into our communication systems.

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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In need of assistance?

If you're experiencing a material need beyond what you can manage, the CTR Deacons may be able to help. Please call them at 207-331-1304 or email deacons@ctrportland.org. All inquiries will remain confidential, and you will receive a reply within twenty-four hours.

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