

CHRIST
THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

July 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]

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

[L] I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

[P] **Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

[L] Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

[P] **On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.**

Psalm 145:1-3, 5

S O N G

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

GOD SANCTIFIES

[RENEWAL]

CONFESSION OF SIN

[All] **Dear Lord, you are the King of the world, the Creator of all things, and the Giver of life. You have made us in your image and invited us to be your children – the heirs of your kingdom – and we give you our thanks and praise. We stop now to confess that we have sinned and fallen short of what you would have us be. We have found our identity in earthly things like work, money, family, reputation, our homes, our friends, even our country. We have worshiped them more than you. We have turned away from being part of your kingdom work to satisfy our own agendas. We have broken your heart with our sin, and we are sorry.**

Please forgive us. Help us open our hearts to receive the gift of forgiveness that you offer through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Create in us clean hearts and fill us with your presence. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] **Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful. He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. In Christ, we are forgiven!**

Psalm 116:5 & Colossians 1:13-14

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

SONG

LIVING HOPE

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

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

S C R I P T U R E

2 Samuel 5:1-5; 10-13 & 6:1-15 ESV

Read by Paula Ward

David Anointed King of Israel

¹Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, “Behold, we are your bone and flesh. ²In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the Lord said to you, ‘You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel.’” ³So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. ⁴David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. ⁵At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

¹⁰ And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

¹¹ And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, also carpenters and masons who built David a house. ¹² And David knew that the Lord had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.

¹³ And David took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem, after he came from Hebron, and more sons and daughters were born to David.

The Ark Brought to Jerusalem

¹David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. ² And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale-judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who sits enthroned on the cherubim. ³ And they carried the ark of God on a new cart and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on

the hill. And Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart, ⁴ with the ark of God, and Ahio went before the ark.

Uzzah and the Ark

⁵ And David and all the house of Israel were celebrating before the Lord, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. ⁶ And when they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. ⁷ And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah, and God struck him down there because of his error, and he died there beside the ark of God. ⁸ And David was angry because the Lord had broken out against Uzzah. And that place is called Perez-uzzah to this day. ⁹ And David was afraid of the Lord that day, and he said, “How can the ark of the Lord come to me?” ¹⁰ So David was not willing to take the ark of the Lord into the city of David. But David took it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. ¹¹ And the ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months, and the Lord blessed Obed-edom and all his household.

¹² And it was told King David, “The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.” So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing. ¹³ And when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six steps, he sacrificed an ox and a fattened animal. ¹⁴ And David danced before the Lord with all his might. And David was wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁵ So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting and with the sound of the horn.

[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:
THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO DAVID

Sermon:
DAVID THE KING

Alden Groves
Pastoral Intern

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q & A #23

[L] What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

[P] **Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Matt Reid

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.

SONG

DOXOLOGY [OLD 100TH]

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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S O N G

A L L H A I L T H E P O W E R O F J E S U S ' N A M E

W O R D O F E N C O U R A G E M E N T

[L] To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory
forever and ever.

1 Timothy 1:17

[All] **Amen.**

HIGHLIGHTS

July 23, 2023

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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, JUL 23

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 Abby Reid (areid@ctrportland.org).

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – 9 AM

Join us in the Fellowship Hall every Sunday an hour before worship (9am) to read the Bible and pray together. Each week, we will study a psalm related to the sermon text from our summer series "The Gospel According to David." For questions, reach out to Alden Groves.

LUNCH & SOCCER WITH OUR FRIENDS @ NORTH DEERING ALLIANCE CHURCH - Noon

@ North Deering Alliance Church, 1301 Washington Ave, Portland

All are welcome to join us for a grilled lunch at NDA at NOON and then we will move on to Deering High School for a soccer game at 1:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to build our friendships with our brothers and sisters from NDA. Even if you don't play soccer, we could use the encouragement of our fans!

For more information, please contact Alden Groves: 215.704.0132 or alden.d.groves@gmail.com

ON THE CALENDAR:

WED, JUL 26

CTR MEN'S RED SOX OUTING

@ Fenway Park on Wednesday, July 26 as the Red Sox take on the Atlanta Braves at 7:10pm.

Dan McKrell is coordinating all the details. Please contact him directly with questions. 207.358.9754 or daniel.mckrell@gmail.com

FRI, JUL 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. Please contact Abby Reid if you have any questions.

FRI, AUG 11

SUMMER WRITING CHALLENGE GET-TOGETHER – 7:30 PM

Join us at the Groves' (87 Vincent Street, South Portland) for a night of hearing and discussing the pieces submitted. Even if you didn't submit something, you are welcome to join in!

SUN, AUG 13

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

THURS, AUG 17

NEW TO CTR COOKOUT – 5:30 PM

@ The Roberts', 64 Brook Road, Portland

Whether you have been visiting for a week or 6 months, but you would like to get to know CTR better, we would love for you to join us for a cookout! You will have an opportunity to interact with Pastor Sean and other leaders at CTR and find out how you can become a part of what's happening here.

If you are interested in attending, you are welcome to reach out to Abby Reid (AReid@CTRPortland.org or 404.723.4448).

SUMMER WRITING CHALLENGE 2023

Looking for a creative outlet?
Trying to become Maine's next great writer?
Do you just like to eat tasty snacks?
Join us for our CTR Summer Writing Challenge!

Instructions:

Using the word "escape" as a starting point, write a story, essay, poem, song, etc.
(max. ~3,000 words).

Details:

Email your piece to Alden Groves by **Saturday, August 5**.
We will gather at the Groves' house to hear / discuss each other's pieces (and eat some snacks!)
on **Friday, August 11 at 7:30 pm**.

SIGN UP NOW: CTR COMMUNITY GROUP OPEN ENROLLMENT

Sign up to participate in CTR community groups!

While our groups launch shortly after Labor Day, signing up ahead of time helps us ensure that we have adequate leadership and materials for all those who want to be involved!

Please communicate your interest by ***Sunday, August 20!***

FAQ:

What is a community group?

Community groups are smaller groups that gather within our larger church body - they are open to everyone (families, singles, couples, friends) at any age or stage, all at various points in their faith journey. Our long term hope is for everyone to be involved! Whether you're new to CTR or have been around for years, community groups are for you! They are designed to provide a more intimate space for people to be known and cared for. In community groups, our goal is to deepen our love for one another, our love for God, and our love for our neighbors. We believe that these things happen best in context of relationship. While each community group may look somewhat different, all groups socialize, read God's word, share their real lives, encourage outreach, and pray for and with one another. Community groups strive to be a welcoming and safe space to continue the conversation. As Christ the Redeemer grows, community groups are increasingly the place where pastoral care and relationship building happens! It's not just a Bible study and not just hanging with friends - participating in a community group is an opportunity to hear and live out the gospel together.

What is the commitment?

Community groups meet regularly 2 times per month from September-May, with optional opportunities to socialize outside those times. Each group's meeting times and dates are set together in advance. Each meeting is designed to last 1.5-2 hours and typically takes place in a group member's home. Groups have sufficient flexibility and freedom to customize meetings to their unique needs (location, time, food, childcare), and sufficient structure to ensure that members know what to expect. Every community group and community group leader receives ongoing training and support from the church session and will be working through a curriculum provided by CTR.

How do I sign up?

Signing up for a community group is simple!

Fill out a form online at <https://www.ctrportland.org/community-groups> by *Sunday, August 20*. We'll be in contact soon!

If you would prefer to sign up in person, you can fill out the form found in your order of worship and leave it in the offering basket - or contact coordinators: Amanda McKrell (griswoldam1@gmail.com 716-479-0093) or Matt Reid (404-550-8872).

What if I'm already in a community group?

Sign up anyway!

As community groups grow, they are designed to multiply. You can expect new community groups to form and to meet new faces in the fall. We'd love everyone to sign-up, regardless of whether you've been involved with community groups in the past. Please sign up by *Sunday, August 20*.



Use this QR code to go to
the Community Group Sign-Up!

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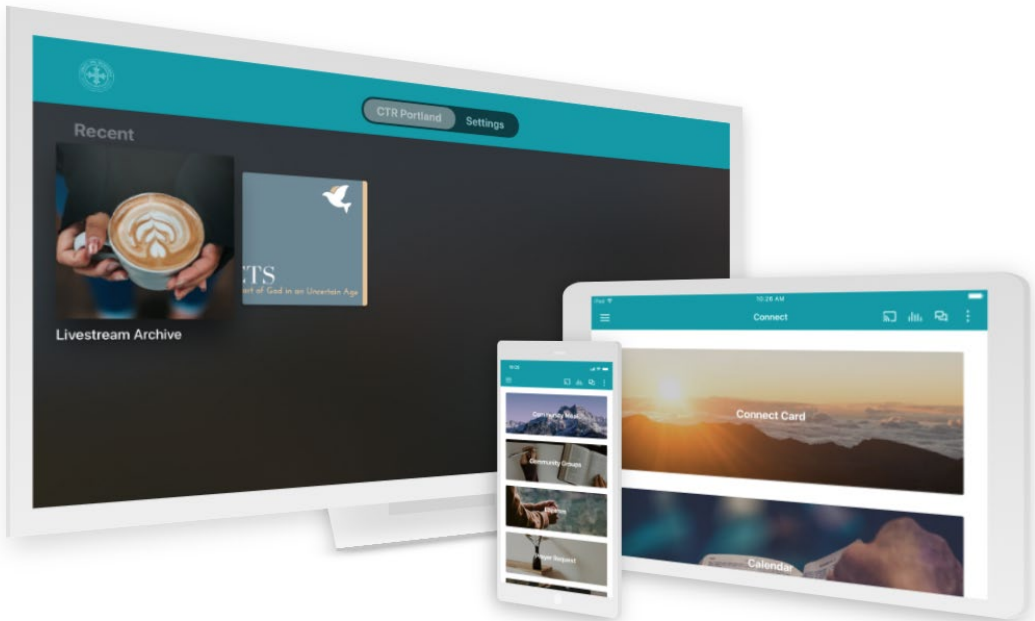
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Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church
longs to be a diverse people who gather around
and extend the table of God's grace.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00 AM

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