

CHRIST THE REDEEMER -presbyterian church-

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 31, 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

GOD SUMMONS

[PRAISE]

CALL TO WORSHIP

- [L] The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
- [P] Therefore let us ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; let us worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Psalm 29:10, 2

S O N G IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE

GOD SANCTIFIES [RENEWAL]

CONFESSION OF SIN

[All] God of love, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done, we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] Through the blood of Christ Jesus, our Lord, we have redemption, forgiveness of sins. The riches of God's grace have been poured out upon us.

[P] **Praise be to our God**,

- [L] who has chosen and made us his own.
- [P] **Praise be to our God,**
- [L] who forgives and cleanses us.

[P] **Praise be to our God**,

[L] who blesses us beyond our imagination!

S O N G HIS MERCY IS MORE

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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.

GOD SPEAKS

[W O R D]

S O N G

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE/I AM YOURS

S C R I P T U R E R E A D I N G Genesis 6:5-13; 7:17-18

Read by Jane Powers-Odenbach

6 ⁵ The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶ And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷ So the LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸ But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

Noah and the Flood

⁹ These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. ¹⁰ And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. ¹³And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

7 ¹⁷ The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. ¹⁸ The waters prevailed and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

[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: GENESIS: CREATED FOR GLORY

Sermon: THE FLOOD: JUDGEMENT AND GRACE

Rev. Josh Henderson Assistant Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q & A #'s 1 & 2

- [L] What is the chief end of man?
- [All] Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.
- [L] What rule has God given to direct us in how to glorify and enjoy him?
- [All] The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us as to how we may glorify and enjoy him.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Elder Nathan Pillsbury

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

<u>A Word about Communion</u>: 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.

S O N G : DOXOLOGY (OLD HUNDREDTH)

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

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.

COMMUNION SONG THINK ABOUT HIS LOVE

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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.



S O N G WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE IN ME

BENEDICTION & SENDING

- [L] As you leave the sanctuary today, may you know the hope to which God has called you, experience the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and trust his incomparably great power for us who believe.
- [P] Amen!

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. Most of our groups have paused for the summer, but if you are interested in joining a group in the fall, please 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



CTR KIDS LENDING LIBRARY

We are so excited to launch our CTR Kids Lending Library! Before and after church, please visit the library cart in the back of the sanctuary 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!



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ON THE CALENDAR:

TODAY	ANNUAL CTR SUMMER PICNIC – after the Worship Service @ Two Lights State Park, Cape Elizabeth	
	CTR will cover the admission fee to the park for all attendees. Please just let the park attendant at the gate know you are with CTR.	
THURS, AUG 4	MEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY – Thursdays @ 9 AM This study will be led by Alden Groves and is open to any men who would like to join. The study will be on 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	
FRI, AUG 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 (@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, AUG 6	SUMMER RUNNING GROUP – 7 AM Looking for some regular exercise and consistent fellowship? Come join us for a weekly jog! We'll meet at Payson Park and run the Back Cove loop (~5k). The pace will be "conversational." Saturdays @ 7 AM. All welcome! Reach out to Alden Groves with interest alden.d.groves@gmail.com	
SUN, AUG 14	CTR VISITOR LUNCH – after the Worship Service If you have been visiting and would like to get to know CTR better, we would love for you to join us for lunch at the church. Please contact Josh if you are interested in attending (jhenderson@ctrportland.org)	
	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 make may a note on the memo line of your check or give online using the QR code on page 9.	

ON THE CALENDAR:

SAT, AUG 20	CTR & FRIENDS KAYAK EVENT – 5:30 PM Join us for a CTR & Friends sunset paddling event on Sebago Lake! The \$29 cost per person covers paddle, life jacket, kayak. The paddle will last from 5:30pm-7:30/8:00pm. There are single and double kayaks available. The event is family friendly, and if families have life jackets or puddle jumpers for their kids, it's a good idea to bring those as well.
	Laura Weirsma (laurajwiersma123@gmail.com) and Natalee Stotz (nataleestotz@gmail.com) are leading the trip. You may contact them with any questions. Register at the link below before it fills up!
	https://subsplash.com/christtheredeemerpresbyt/lb/ev/+9rdrmz6
SAT, AUG 27	CTR SEA DOGS NIGHT – 5:30 PM Come out for a night of baseball @ Hadlock Field to see the Portland Sea Dogs! Just purchase a general admission ticket and meet us @ the Slugger Sea Dog Statue at 5:30 PM Go Sea Dogs!

Summer Writing Challenge

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

<u>Instructions</u>: using the theme "**memory**" as a starting point, write a story, essay, poem, song, etc. (max. ~3,000 words).

<u>Details</u>: Email your piece to Alden by **Sat. 8/13**. we will gather at the Groves' house to hear / discuss each other's pieces (and eat fancy cheese and crackers!) on **Fri. 8/19 at 7:30 pm**.

Email Alden with questions or interest: alden.d.groves@gmail.com

WE WANT YOU TO KNOW...

During Pastor Sean Roberts' sabbatical this summer, we are happy to remind you that for any pastoral concerns, you may contact:

Pastor Josh Henderson @ 757.375.7640 or jhenderson@ctrportland.org Assistant Pastor

Sue Miller @ 207.459.6797 or smiller@ctrportland.org *Director of Community Care*

All other contact information for ministry leads may be found on page 14 or on the back of the Order of Worship. For general questions, you may contact Cheryl Sullivan in the office @ 207.205.1437 or ctr@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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES	Ally Henderson Phone: 757.375.3757 E-mail: ahenderson@ctrportland.org
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MISSIONS COORDINATOR	Kathi Favre Phone: 207.298.2089 E-mail: klfavre@gmail.com

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!







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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Cheryl Sullivan, Administration [E-Mail: ctr@CTRPortland.org]

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