

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

—PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICE
OF
ALDEN D. GROVES

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
June 30, 2024

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.

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](#)

W E L C O M E
& E X P L A N A T I O N O F S E R V I C E

Rev. Sean J.S. Roberts

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] Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

[P] **there is no end to his greatness.**

[L] One generation shall praise your works to another

[P] **and shall declare your power.**

[L] All your works praise you, Lord,

[P] **and your faithful servants bless you.**

[L] They make known the glory of your kingdom

[P] **and speak of your power.**

[L] My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord,

[P] **let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

based on Psalm 145:3-4, 10-11, 21

SONG
HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

GOD SANCTIFIES

[RENEWAL]

CONFESSION OF SIN

[All] **Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you:

That God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:5, 7

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

SONG

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

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

BE THOU MY VISION

G O D S P E A K S

[W O R D]

S C R I P T U R E

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5 ESV

Read by Elizabeth Groves

Alden Groves' Mother

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Preach the Word

¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

[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.**

Sermon:

THE MINISTER

AND MINISTRY WE DESPERATELY NEED

Rev. Dr. W. Rob Edwards

Professor of Pastoral Theology

Westminster Theological Seminary

Philadelphia, PA

A Mentor of Alden Groves

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.

SONG

DOXOLOGY [Old 100th]

ORDINATION OF ALDEN D. GROVES

THE VOWS FOR ALDEN GROVES

Led by Rev. Dr. Per Almquist

*Pastor, Free Grace Presbyterian Church
Lewiston, Maine*

Clerk of Northern New England Presbytery

- 1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?*
- 2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will on your own initiative, make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?*
- 3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of Biblical polity?*
- 4. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?*
- 5. Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?*
- 6. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace and unity of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?*
- 7. Do you engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relational, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make you overseer?*

**THE VOWS FOR THE ELDERS OF
CHRIST THE REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Led by Rev. Dr. Per Almquist

1. *Do you, the session of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive Alden Groves?*
2. *Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love?*
3. *Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?*
4. *Do you engage to continue to him, while he is your pastor, that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?*

**LAYING ON OF HANDS, PRAYERS,
AND THE RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP**

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

CHARGE TO ASSISTANT PASTOR ALDEN GROVES

Rev. Sean J.S. Roberts

**CHARGE TO THE ELDERS OF
CHRIST THE REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

PRAYER FOR ALDEN GROVES AND THE CONGREGATION

Alasdair Groves
Alden Groves' Brother

**SONG
BLESSED BE YOUR NAME**

RECEPTION OF THE GROVES FAMILY

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Taylor Groves

and Covenant Child James Theodore [Theo] Groves

VOWS for the NEW MEMBER:

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving his displeasure, and without hope save in his sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the follower of Christ?

Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to promote its purity and peace?

VOW for the CONGREGATION:

Do you, members of Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church, acknowledge your need for these brothers and sisters in Christ and commit yourselves to their growth in holiness by God's grace?

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism of **Isaiah Davis Groves**

Covenant Child of Alden and Taylor Groves

Baptism performed by Rev. Alden Groves

VOWS for the PARENTS:

Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

VOW for the CONGREGATION:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

PRAYER FOR THE GROVES FAMILY

Led by Elder Rick Hollen

SONG

JESUS LOVES ME

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!*

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

S O N G

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

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]

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.



SONG

IN CHRIST ALONE

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

[L] ““The Lord bless you and keep you;
 the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
 the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.””

Numbers 6:24-26

[All] **Amen!**

HIGHLIGHTS

June 30, 2024

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ON THE CALENDAR:

TODAY

CELEBRATION LUNCH – after the Worship Service

Join us for lunch as we celebrate Alden’s ordination and installation as CTR’s new Assistant Pastor! We will be eating on the lawn outside – where the bounce house has made a return and Top It Frozen Dessert Cart will be here with Maine’s own Shaker Pond Ice Cream for our dessert!

Plan to stay for this very special afternoon!

WED, JUL 10

BOOKS & BUBBLY – 7 PM @ 64 Brook Rd., Portland

The book for this time is “The Women: A Novel” by Kristin Hannah
For more info, please contact Claire Roberts [clerkus@gmail.com].

JUL 15-17

FCA POWER CAMP GREATER PORTLAND

We are excited to partner with the Southern Maine Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to bring a fun sports camp and the gospel to kids in Greater Portland!

Details:

Presumpscot Park, Portland

Sports Offered: Football, Soccer & Basketball

This camp is for ages 5-13.



REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN BY USING THIS QR CODE!

SUN, JUL 21

ANNUAL CTR SUMMER PICNIC – Save this date!!!

Our annual picnic will be on site @ 97 Allen Avenue and will follow our Worship Service.

WED, JUL 24

MEN’S DROP-IN EVENT – 4:45 – 6:15 PM

Bissell Brothers, 38 Resurgam Pl, Portland

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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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 14 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

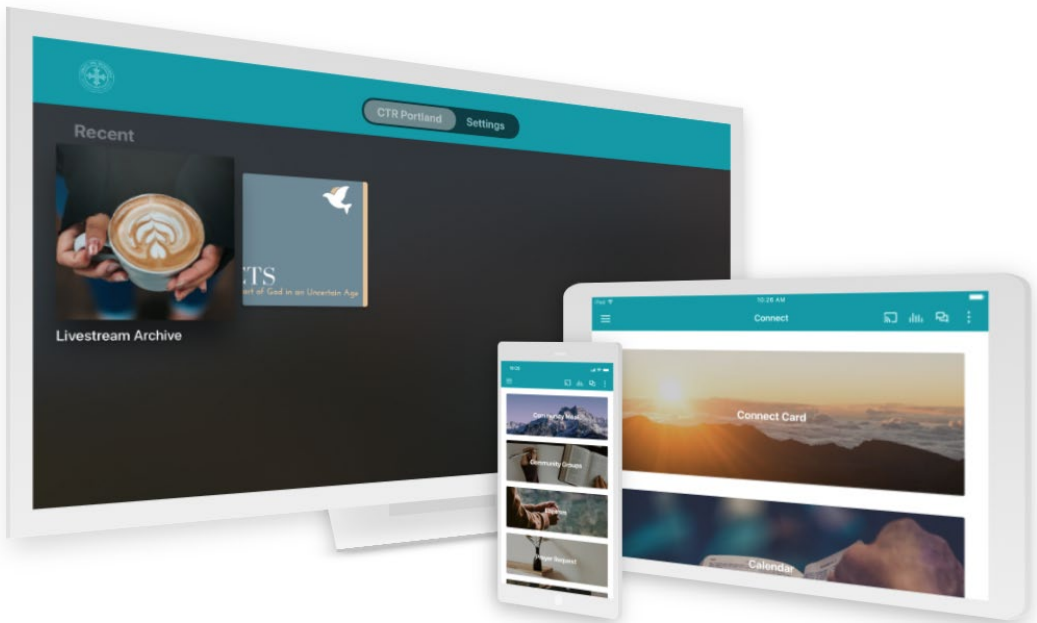
Both mediums are designed to be primarily outward facing.

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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