

CHRIST
THE REDEEMER
-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 5, 2026

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] The Lord is faithful in all his words
and kind in all his works.
- [P] **The Lord upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.**
- [L] The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
- [P] **You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**
- [L] The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and kind in all his works.
- [P] **The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.**
- [L] Let us worship the Lord with all of our being!

Psalm 145:13b-18

SONG

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE

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

[P] **Give ear to my words, O LORD;
consider my groaning.
Give attention to the sound of my cry,
my King and my God,
for to you do I pray.**

**For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
evil may not dwell with you.**

Psalm 5:1-2, 4

LORD, when we see your goodness next to our sins, we groan. We groan because we don't honor your good name. We groan because we know we stopped believing that you love us and that you will provide for us. You have delighted in right things, holy things; we have delighted in sinful things, in dirty things.

Help us, O God, to delight in you again, and to rest in your great love and power for us.

T I M E O F S I L E N T R E F L E C T I O N A N D C O N F E S S I O N

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

[L] **“Because he loves me,” says the Lord, “I will rescue him;
I will protect him, for he acknowledges by name.
He will call upon me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble,
I will deliver him and honor him.
With long life will I satisfy him
and show him my salvation.”**

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

SONG

I WILL WAIT FOR YOU [PSALM 130]

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

CHRIST THE TRUE AND BETTER

G O D S P E A K S

[W O R D]

S C R I P T U R E

[found on **pages 45-46** in the pew Bible]

Exodus 4:29-31; 5:1-2, 6-8a, 19-23; 6:1-9 ESV

Read by Jocelin Yagel

4 ²⁹Then Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the people of Israel. ³⁰Aaron spoke all the words that the Lord had spoken to Moses and did the signs in the sight of the people. ³¹And the people believed; and when they heard that the Lord had visited the people of Israel and that he had seen their affliction, they bowed their heads and worshipped.

Making Bricks Without Straw

5 Afterward Moses and Aaron went and said to Pharaoh, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness.’” ² But Pharaoh said, “Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, and moreover, I will not let Israel go.”

⁶ The same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people and their foremen, ⁷ “You shall no longer give the people straw to make bricks, as in the past; let them go and gather straw for themselves. ⁸ But the number of bricks that they made in the past you shall impose on them, you shall by no means reduce it, for they are idle.

¹⁹ The foremen of the people of Israel saw that they were in trouble when they said, “You shall by no means reduce your number of bricks, your daily task each day.” ²⁰ They met Moses and Aaron, who were waiting for them, as they came out from Pharaoh; ²¹ and they said to them, “The Lord look on you and judge, because you have made us stink in the sight of Pharaoh and his servants, and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.”

²² Then Moses turned to the Lord and said, “O Lord, why have you done evil to this people? Why did you ever send me? ²³ For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has done evil to this people, and you have not delivered your people at all.”

God Promises Deliverance

6 But the Lord said to Moses, “Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for with a strong hand he will send them out, and with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land.”

² God spoke to Moses and said to him, “I am the Lord. ³ I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name the Lord I did not make myself known to them. ⁴ I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they lived as sojourners. ⁵ Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the people of Israel whom the Egyptians hold as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant. ⁶ Say therefore to the people of Israel, ‘I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. ⁷ I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the Lord your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. ⁸ I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you for a possession. I am the Lord.’” ⁹ Moses spoke thus to the people of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and harsh slavery.

[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:
LEAVING EGYPT, FINDING HOME

Sermon:
DISCOURAGEMENT AND THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

Rev. Sean J.S. Roberts
Lead Pastor

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.

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.**

SONG

DOXOLOGY [JUDE 23-24]

GOD STRENGTHENS

[TABLE]

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

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 follow the directions given by the pastor in how to come to the front to receive the elements and then return to your seat.*
- *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 as you leave today. Thank you!*

WORDS OF INVITATION & INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

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

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

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

[L] Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

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

[L] Go now, and be a diverse people, who having gathered around the table of God's grace, extend his grace to others. Amen.

HIGHLIGHTS

July 5, 2026

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1 ON THE CALENDAR

SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

*Sundays, June 21 – August 9
9 AM in The Commons*

As you heard at the end of our Liturgy Sermon Series, God has made us to sing to him. And to that end, one of the greatest gifts he has given us is the Book of Psalms. This collection of ancient Hebrew poetry is timeless in its relatability and reliability to direct us to bring the full range of our emotions before the Lord.

Come, join us for this 8-week summer study taught by our interns. The Psalms are a rich treasury of God's word and we will learn how each of these songs points us to God through Christ.

NOTE: We will **NOT** meet for class on *Sunday, July 5.*

WOMEN'S DROP-IN

***THURSDAY, JULY 9 – 5:00 PM | The Bramhall, 769 Congress St,
Portland***

Join the women of CTR for a relaxed evening together at The Bramhall on Monday, July 9 at 5:00 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with other women in our church community, whether you're new or have been part of CTR for years. Come enjoy good food and drink, conversation, and the chance to build new friendships.

Feel free to invite a friend to join you—this is an easy and welcoming space to gather, laugh, and get to know one another better. We hope you'll come and be part of it!

📅 ON THE CALENDAR

HELP WITH THE CTR APP

SUNDAY, JULY 12 –| After the Worship Service in the Foyer

Would you like a little help getting started with the CTR app? Next Sunday, **July 12**, after the Worship Service, several of our tech-savvy members will be available to help you download the app, get it set up on your device, and join the app’s messaging groups. Stop by—we’d be glad to help you get connected!

CTR @ THE PORTLAND SEA DOGS

FRIDAY, JULY 17 –| Hadlock Field, 271 Park Ave., Portland

Join CTR at the Portland Sea Dogs game on July 17th! They will be playing the Somerset Patriots and plan to stick around after the game for a fabulous fireworks show!

Gates open at 4:30 pm - gametime is 6:20 pm.

FCA POWER CAMP

MON-THURS, JULY 20-23 – 9:00 AM-12:30 PM | Presumpscot Park, Portland

We are excited to partner again this summer with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to host an unforgettable camp experience for kids in our city!

FCA Camp 2026 runs **July 20–23, 9 am–12:30 pm**, at **Presumpscot Park** (next to Deering High School in Portland) for **kids ages 5–13**. It will be four fun-filled days of sports and spiritual growth!

We’re looking for people willing to serve in any of the following roles:

Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Teachers, Huddle Leaders, General Volunteers, Registration Volunteers, Greeters, Junior Camp Volunteers (younger helpers), Games Team, Post-Camp Dinner Team (help with the volunteer appreciation dinner on July 24), Provide Baked Goods or Coffee for Parents at Check-in



You don't need to be an athlete- just someone who cares about kids and wants to make a difference for the Kingdom. Whether you can serve all four days or just one, your help matters!

Parents, Sign up your kids for Power Camp!

Do your kids love sports? Do you want them to grow in confidence, character, and faith this summer? Send them to FCA Power Camp!

Campers will receive great coaching in one of the following sports: Basketball, Football, Softball, Baseball, Soccer



SIGN UP YOUR
KIDS HERE



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.



TO
PLEDGE
ONLINE

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 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

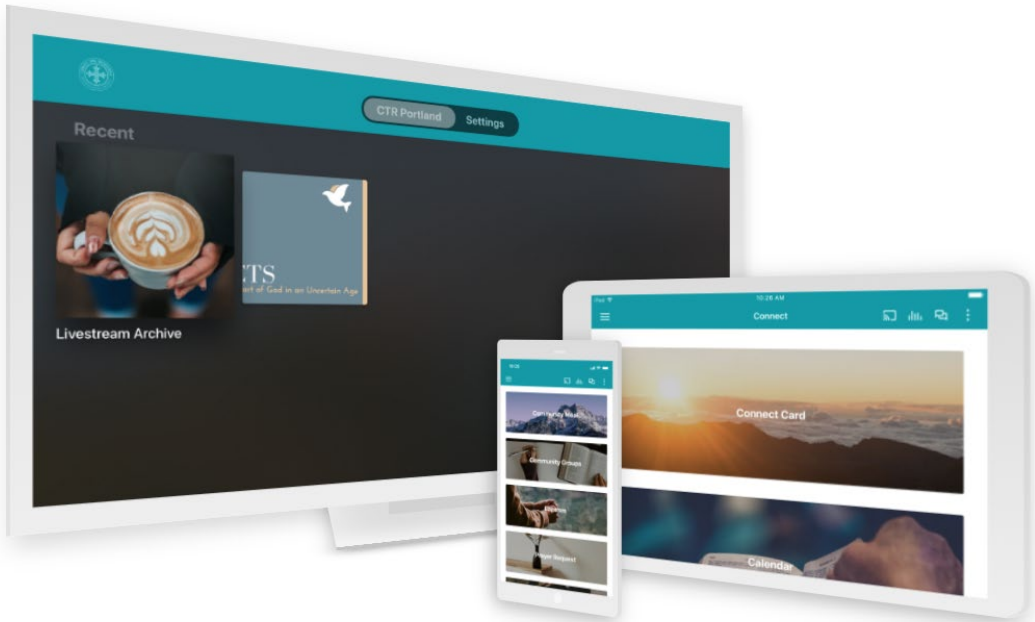
Both mediums are designed to be primarily outward facing.

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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