

CHRIST
THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 4, 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 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] Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us.

[P] **Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.**

[L] Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

[All] **To the one true God be praise in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

S O N G

J E S U S S H A L L R E I G N

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

[All] **Forgive us our sins, O Lord.
Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age,
the sins of our soul and the sins of our body,
our secret and our whispering sins,
our presumptuous and our careless sins,
the sins we have done to please ourselves
and the sins we have done to please others.
Forgive us the sins that we know,
and the sins that we know not;
forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of your great goodness.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.
The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

Psalm 145:13-14

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

SONG

WHO YOU SAY I AM

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

TEACH US YOUR WAYS

S C R I P T U R E R E A D I N G

Philemon

Read by David Dyke

Greeting

¹ Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philemon's Love and Faith

⁴ I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, ⁶ and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷ For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

Paul's Plea for Onesimus

⁸ Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹ yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—¹⁰ I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹ (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹² I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³ I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the

gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. ¹⁵ For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶ no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. ²² At the same time, prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping that through your prayers I will be graciously given to you.

Final Greetings

²³ Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, ²⁴ and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers.

²⁵ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

[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:
RADICAL FORGIVENESS

Rev. Josh Henderson
Assistant Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

[L] Christian, what do you believe?

[P] **I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Timothy Woodward

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]

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

A Word about Communion: 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.

SONG: SANCTUS

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

CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE

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.



S O N G

10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

B E N E D I C T I O N A N D S E N D I N G

[L] May you, people of God, know that God our Father made you and guides your every step; Jesus Christ gave his life for you and brings you new life; the Spirit keeps you in the Lord's presence and empowers you to serve.

May almighty God continue to bless you and move you to give thanks.

[P] **Amen!**

HIGHLIGHTS...

September 4, 2022

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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!

ON THE CALENDAR:

FRI, SEPT 9

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. 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.

SUN, SEPT 11

PROMOTION SUNDAY – 10 AM

Join us for Promotion Sunday. We will be graduating our children into their next age groups during the service and will have a celebration after the service in the side yard!

MON, SEPT 12

WOMENS' BIBLE STUDY – 6 PM

@ the home of Laura Wiersma, 29 Lilac Lane, New Gloucester (GPS does not recognize this address so please use 54 N Pownal Road - that will get you to Lilac Lane). A light meal will be served.

This is a weekly Bible study and will be in the Book of Romans. You may purchase the study guide, "Romans: At His Feet" (Blanton/Gordon) on Amazon.

SAT, SEPT 17

FUN AT FORT WILLIAMS – 5 PM

This is the perfect way to end the summer season in Maine --- an evening picnic and activities at Fort Williams in Cape Elizabeth! Plan to pack up the kids, a picnic, and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship! Meet us at 5 pm at the park! Invite your friends and neighbors to join in!

THURS, SEPT 29

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP – 6:30 PM

@ the home of Gloria Peters, 26 Mitchell Hill Road, Scarborough

Connie Woodward is hosting a women's prayer group with a focus of coming together to pray for loved ones who have departed the faith or have yet to come to faith. Join this group to pray as a community and help each other wait on God's timing for answering prayer concerning our loved ones.

If you would like, you may join early (@5:30 pm) with your own supper. For more details, contact Connie Woodward at woodwardte@yahoo.com or text 207-415-1913.

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 12 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.

SUPPLY DRIVE FOR NEW MAINERS

We are collecting supplies for asylum seekers and those experiencing homelessness that are staying at the Motel 6 in Portland. There are many recently arrived families and children with a need for toiletries, toys, and school supplies. If you are able, please bring items with you to church and we will deliver weekly to Motel 6. We would love to support them with the following items:

- Sports items (Balls, frisbees, soccer goals, jump ropes)
- Children's books (particularly coloring books/ crayons/pencils and board books for toddlers)
- Basic School Supplies (mostly elementary age)
- Toiletries (Shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, deodorant)
- Reusable Water Bottles
- Clothing Basics (socks, underwear, undershirts)

Contact Josh Henderson (jhenderson@ctrportland.org) with any questions!

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.

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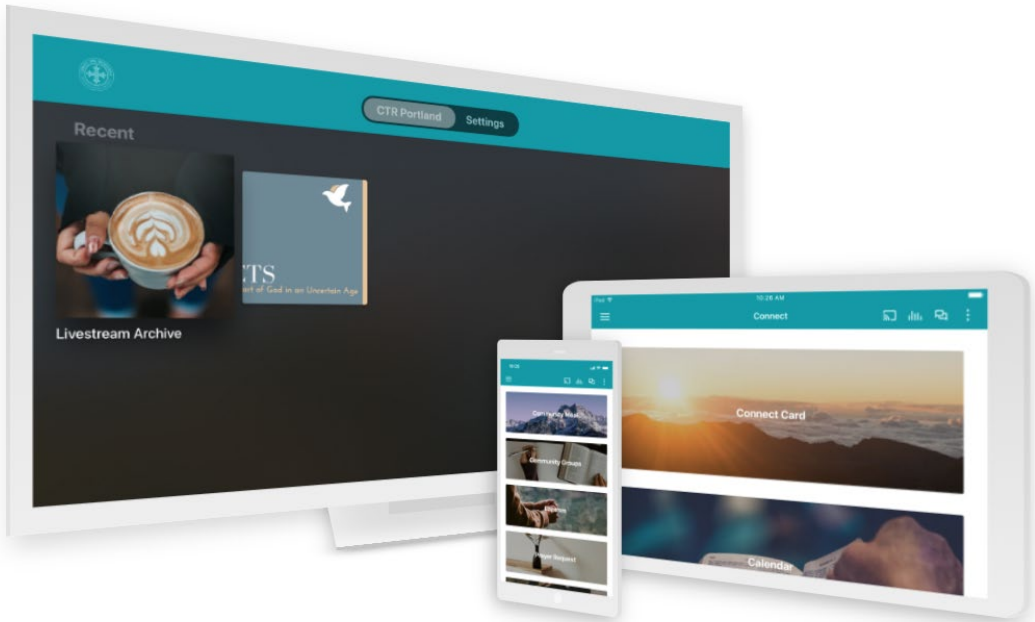
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Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church
longs to be a diverse people who gather around
and extend the table of God's grace.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00 AM

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