

CHRIST  
THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

July 16, 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] My heart is steadfast, O God,  
my heart is steadfast!  
I will sing and make melody!

[P] **Awake, my glory!**  
**Awake, O harp and lyre!**  
**I will awake the dawn!**

[L] I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;  
I will sing praises to you among the nations.

[P] **For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,**  
**your faithfulness to the clouds.**

[L] O magnify the LORD with me.

[P] **Let us exalt God's name together!**

Psalm 57: 7-10 & Psalm 34:3

10,000 REASONS [BLESS THE LORD]

*Chorus*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

*Verse 1*

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

[Chorus]

*Verse 2*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

[Chorus]

*Verse 3*

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

[Chorus]

Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

# GOD SANCTIFIES

[RENEWAL]

## CONFESSION OF SIN

[All] **Almighty God, so many of King David's psalms show a heart out of tune, sighing, crying, and breaking with sorrow, yet still clinging to faith in You. So too, O Lord, are our hearts. In Jesus Christ, You have given us what we need most: His cross makes our forgiveness possible, and His Spirit tunes our hearts again to sing Your praises. Humbly we beg Your pardon for our sins. Eagerly we plead Your help to enthrone in our hearts David's Son: Christ Jesus, King of the universe, our Savior and Lord. And with King David, we declare our trust in Your unfailing love. Amen.**

## TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

## WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And this is God's gospel promise: To grant us forgiveness of sins and eternal life by grace because of Christ's one sacrifice accomplished on the cross

Hebrews 10:10 & Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 66

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

## COME THOU FOUNT [ABOVE ALL ELSE]

*Verse 1*

Come Thou fount of every blessing; Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of Thy redeeming love

*Verse 2*

Here I raise my Ebenezer; Hither by Thy help I'm come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wand'ring from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood

*Verse 3*

Oh to grace how great a debtor; Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

*Chorus*

Above all else, I adore Your name  
Above all else, tune my heart to sing Your praise

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LIFE OF THE PEOPLE  
[ ANNOUNCEMENTS ]

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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*Edward Cooney*  
*James Scott*  
*Susan Scott*

Vows for the new members:

*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?*

PRAYER FOR OUR NEW MEMBERS

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.**

THE GOSPEL SONG

Holy God, in love became  
Perfect man to bear my blame  
On the cross, He took my sin  
By His death, I live again

[Repeat]

**G O D S P E A K S**

[ W O R D ]

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 24:1-20 ESV

Read by Haylee Freeman

*David Spares Saul's Life*

24 When Saul returned from following the Philistines, he was told, “Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi.”<sup>2</sup> Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel and went to seek David and his men in front of the Wildgoats' Rocks.<sup>3</sup> And he came to the sheepfolds by the way, where there was a cave, and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost parts of the cave.<sup>4</sup> And the men of David said to him, “Here is the day of



which the LORD said to you, ‘Behold, I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you.’” Then David arose and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul's robe.<sup>5</sup> And afterward David's heart struck him, because he had cut off a corner of Saul's robe.<sup>6</sup> He said to his men, “The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the LORD's anointed, to put out my hand against him, seeing he is the LORD's anointed.”<sup>7</sup> So David persuaded his men with these words and did not permit them to attack Saul. And Saul rose up and left the cave and went on his way.

<sup>8</sup> Afterward David also arose and went out of the cave, and called after Saul, “My lord the king!” And when Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the earth and paid homage.<sup>9</sup> And David said to Saul, “Why do you listen to the words of men who say, ‘Behold, David seeks your harm’?”<sup>10</sup> Behold, this day your eyes have seen how the LORD gave you today into my hand in the cave. And some told me to kill you, but I spared you. I said, ‘I will not put out my hand against my lord, for he is the LORD's anointed.’<sup>11</sup> See, my father, see the corner of your robe in my hand. For by the fact that I cut off the corner of your robe and did not kill you, you may know and see that there is no wrong or treason in my hands. I have not sinned against you, though you hunt my life to take it.<sup>12</sup> May the LORD judge between me and you, may the LORD avenge me against you, but my hand shall not be against you.<sup>13</sup> As the proverb of the ancients says, ‘Out of the wicked comes wickedness.’ But my hand shall not be against you.<sup>14</sup> After whom has the king of Israel come out? After whom do you pursue? After a dead dog! After a flea!<sup>15</sup> May the LORD therefore be judge and give sentence between me and you, and see to it and plead my cause and deliver me from your hand.”

<sup>16</sup> As soon as David had finished speaking these words to Saul, Saul said, “Is this your voice, my son David?” And Saul lifted up his voice and wept.<sup>17</sup> He said to David, “You are more righteous than I, for you have repaid me good, whereas I have repaid you evil.<sup>18</sup> And you have declared this day how you have dealt well with me, in that you did not kill me when the LORD put me into your hands.<sup>19</sup> For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him go away safe? So may the LORD reward you with good for what you have done to me this day.<sup>20</sup> And now, behold, I know that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand.

[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:  
CHARACTER AND CONFLICT

Rev. Sean J.S. Roberts  
Senior Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A #1 & 2 [Modern English Version]

[L] What is man's primary purpose?

[P] **Man's primary purpose is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.**

[L] What authority from God directs us how to glorify and enjoy Him?

[P] **The only authority for glorifying and enjoying Him is the Bible, which is the word of God and is made up of the Old and New Testaments.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

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 ]

## 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!*

## D O X O L O G Y

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Amen.*

## W O R D S O F I N V I T A T I O N &amp; I N S T I T U T I O N

## G R E A T P R A Y E R O F T H A N K S G I V I N G

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

COMMUNION SONG

ALL YE REFUGEES

*Verse 1*

I am the One  
The earth is My handmade work  
the skies I laid them wide beauty unfurled  
Horizon to horizon Creation to creation  
Sings you home

*Chorus*

Welcome Home - Gather round  
All ye refugees come in  
Welcome Home - Gather round  
All ye refugees come in

*Verse 2*

Oh refugee  
I did not cast you out  
In death and broken ground salvation springs  
My body and My blood the healing that you need  
Come and receive

*[Chorus]*

*Bridge*

Watch and wait and see  
What is yet to be  
Watch and wait and see for the morning

*Verse 3*

Go out in joy  
Join the great procession  
The mountains and the heavens all will rejoice  
Horizon to horizon creation to creation  
Horizon to horizon creation to creation  
With one voice

*[Chorus]*

## 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]

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.



G U I D E M E , O T H O U G R E A T J E H O V A H

*Verse 1*

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah  
Pilgrim through this barren land  
I am weak but Thou art mighty  
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven  
Feed me now and ever more  
Feed me now and ever more

*Verse 2*

Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow  
Let the fiery cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer  
Be Thou still my strength and shield  
Be Thou still my strength and shield

*Verse 3*

When I tread the verge of Jordan  
Bid my anxious fears subside  
Death of death and hell's destruction  
Land me safe on Canaan's side  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee  
I will ever give to Thee

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

[L]    Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

[All]   **Thanks be to God.**



# HIGHLIGHTS

July 16, 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:

WED, JUL 19

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

Ladies: Our book is *The Nightingale: A Novel* [Kristin Hannah]. For more info, please contact Claire Roberts [clerkus@gmail.com].

FRI, JUL 21

**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.

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.

## ON THE CALENDAR:

SUN, JUL 23

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

@ North Deering Alliance Church, 1301 Washington Ave, Portland

Plan 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 great opportunity to build our friendships with another church in our area. 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](mailto:alden.d.groves@gmail.com)

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](mailto:daniel.mckrell@gmail.com)

## 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**.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS @ CTR

Planning is well underway for the fall launch of CTR's Community Groups for the coming year. If you are looking to get more plugged in at CTR, then 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. These groups meet regularly in homes throughout Greater Portland for fellowship, Bible study, and prayer.

Watch for announcements and more information in the coming weeks!

Your points of contact for Community Groups are:

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# 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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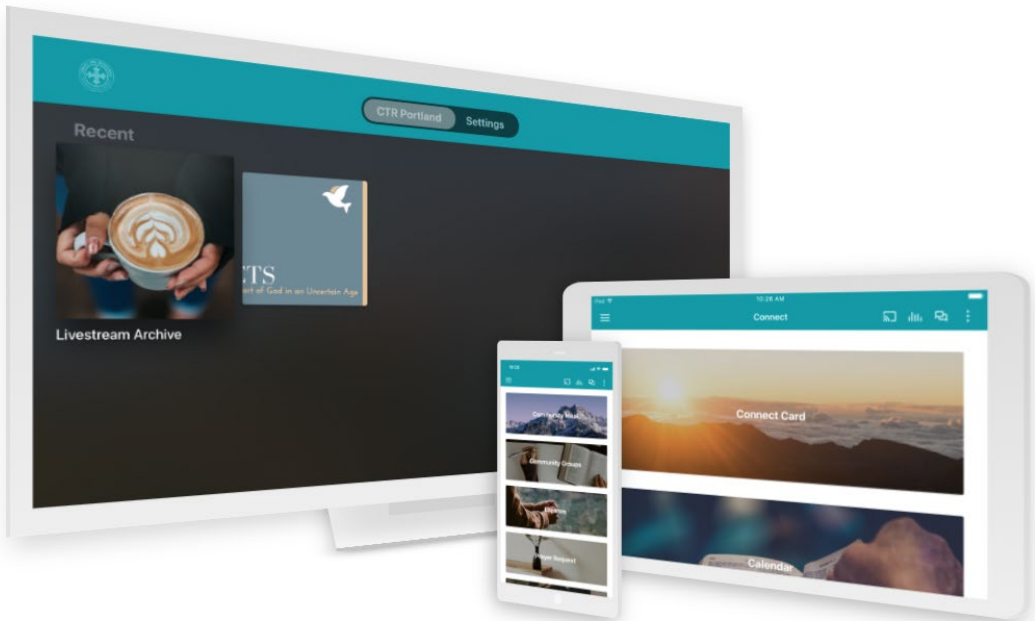
SET-UP .....Cheryl Sullivan  
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Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church  
longs to be a diverse people who gather around  
and extend the table of God's grace.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00 AM**

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