

CHRIST  
THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

July 30, 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] I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

[P] **with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

[L] I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

[P] **your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

[L] You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one.

I have sworn to my servant David:

'I will establish your descendants forever,  
and build your throne for all generations.'"

[P] **Praise the Lord!**

from Psalm 89:1-4

## S O N G

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

## **G O D   S A N C T I F I E S**

[ R E N E W A L ]

### CONFESSIO N O F S I N

[All] **O God, you make covenants with us and never break them. We find it much harder to keep our word. We offer promises we don't intend to keep, and we make deals that we intend to break. All too often we are not trustworthy—not to you, not to our neighbors, and not even to those we love the most. We are sorry for the pain and disappointment that these sins cause. We need your Spirit to strengthen our will. Forgive us again, Lord Jesus, for all the ways we fall short of your desires for us, and hear us as we continue to pray in silence...**

### 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] This is the covenant that I will make with them, after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds...I will remember their sins and misdeeds no more.

In Christ, you are forgiven.

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

### S O N G

**G R E A T   I S   T H Y   F A I T H F U L N E S S**

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

## HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

## S C R I P T U R E

2 Samuel 7:1-17 ESV

Read by Neil Schenk

*The Lord's Covenant with David*

7 Now when the king lived in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, <sup>2</sup> the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” <sup>3</sup> And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the Lord is with you.”

<sup>4</sup> But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, <sup>5</sup> “Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord: Would you build me a house to dwell in? <sup>6</sup> I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. <sup>7</sup> In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’ <sup>8</sup> Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup> And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup> And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup> from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. <sup>12</sup> When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup> He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup> I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, <sup>15</sup> but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. <sup>16</sup> And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne

shall be established forever.”<sup>17</sup> In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

*David's Prayer of Gratitude*

<sup>18</sup> Then King David went in and sat before the Lord and said, “Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? <sup>19</sup> And yet this was a small thing in your eyes, O Lord God. You have spoken also of your servant's house for a great while to come, and this is instruction for mankind, O Lord God! <sup>20</sup> And what more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O Lord God! <sup>21</sup> Because of your promise, and according to your own heart, you have brought about all this greatness, to make your servant know it. <sup>22</sup> Therefore you are great, O Lord God. For there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. <sup>23</sup> And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making himself a name and doing for them great and awesome things by driving out before your people, whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt, a nation and its gods? <sup>24</sup> And you established for yourself your people Israel to be your people forever. And you, O Lord, became their God. <sup>25</sup> And now, O Lord God, confirm forever the word that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house, and do as you have spoken. <sup>26</sup> And your name will be magnified forever, saying, ‘The Lord of hosts is God over Israel,’ and the house of your servant David will be established before you. <sup>27</sup> For you, O Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, have made this revelation to your servant, saying, ‘I will build you a house.’ Therefore your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you. <sup>28</sup> And now, O Lord God, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant. <sup>29</sup> Now therefore may it please you to bless the house of your servant, so that it may continue forever before you. For you, O Lord God, have spoken, and with your blessing shall the house of your servant be blessed forever.”

[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.**

NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sermon Series:  
THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO DAVID

Sermon:  
GOD'S COVENANT WITH DAVID

Alden Groves  
Pastoral Intern



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 Elder Rick Hollen

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 [OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>]

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

H O W F I R M A F O U N D A T I O N

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

[L] Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Hebrews 13:20-21

[All] **Amen.**

# HIGHLIGHTS

July 30, 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:

SUN, JUL 30

### **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.

FRI, AUG 4

### **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, AUG 6

### **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).

FRI, AUG 11

### **SUMMER WRITING CHALLENGE GET-TOGETHER – 7:30 PM**

Join us at the Groves' (87 Vincent Street, South Portland) for a night of hearing and discussing the pieces submitted. Even if you didn't submit something, you are welcome to join in!

## ON THE CALENDAR:

SAT, AUG 12

**FUN IN THE SUN** – 10 AM

@ the Home of Greg & Holly Lane, 28 Hayfield Drive, Gorham

READY FOR A POOL PARTY?

Come one, come all on August 12 for a morning at the Lanes!!!

We'll enjoy Fun in the Sun and fellowship with our church family.

We cannot wait to see you all there!

SUN, AUG 13

**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 may make a note on the memo line of your check or give online using the QR code on page 8.

THURS, AUG 17

**NEW TO CTR COOKOUT** – 5:30 PM

@ The Roberts', 64 Brook Road, Portland

Whether you have been visiting for a week or 6 months, but you would like to get to know CTR better, we would love for you to join us for a cookout! You will have an opportunity to interact with Pastor Sean and other leaders at CTR and find out how you can become a part of what's happening here.

If you are interested in attending, you are welcome to reach out to Abby Reid (AReid@CTRPortland.org or 404.723.4448).

WED, AUG 30

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

Ladies: Our book is *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* [Alexander McCall Smith]. For more info, please contact Claire Roberts [clerkus@gmail.com].

# SIGN UP NOW: CTR COMMUNITY GROUP OPEN ENROLLMENT

Sign up to participate in CTR community groups!

While our groups launch shortly after Labor Day, signing up ahead of time helps us ensure that we have adequate leadership and materials for all those who want to be involved!

Please communicate your interest by ***Sunday, August 20!***

FAQ:

## ***What is a community group?***

Community groups are smaller groups that gather within our larger church body - they are open to everyone (families, singles, couples, friends) at any age or stage, all at various points in their faith journey. Our long term hope is for everyone to be involved! Whether you're new to CTR or have been around for years, community groups are for you! They are designed to provide a more intimate space for people to be known and cared for. In community groups, our goal is to deepen our love for one another, our love for God, and our love for our neighbors. We believe that these things happen best in context of relationship. While each community group may look somewhat different, all groups socialize, read God's word, share their real lives, encourage outreach, and pray for and with one another. Community groups strive to be a welcoming and safe space to continue the conversation. As Christ the Redeemer grows, community groups are increasingly the place where pastoral care and relationship building happens! It's not just a Bible study and not just hanging with friends - participating in a community group is an opportunity to hear and live out the gospel together.

## ***What is the commitment?***

Community groups meet regularly 2 times per month from September-May, with optional opportunities to socialize outside those times. Each group's meeting times and dates are set together in advance. Each meeting is designed to last 1.5-2 hours and typically takes place in a group member's home. Groups have sufficient flexibility and freedom to customize meetings to their unique needs (location, time, food, childcare), and sufficient structure to ensure that members know what to expect. Every community group and community group leader receives ongoing training and support from the church session and will be working through a curriculum provided by CTR.

### *How do I sign up?*

Signing up for a community group is simple!

Fill out a form online at <https://www.ctrportland.org/community-groups> by *Sunday, August 20*. We'll be in contact soon!

If you would prefer to sign up in person, you can fill out the form found in your order of worship and leave it in the offering basket - or contact coordinators: Amanda McKrell ([griswoldam1@gmail.com](mailto:griswoldam1@gmail.com) 716-479-0093) or Matt Reid (404-550-8872).

### *What if I'm already in a community group?*

#### **Sign up anyway!**

As community groups grow, they are designed to multiply. You can expect new community groups to form and to meet new faces in the fall. We'd love everyone to sign-up, regardless of whether you've been involved with community groups in the past. Please sign up by *Sunday, August 20*.



Use this QR code to go to  
the Community Group Sign-Up!

# 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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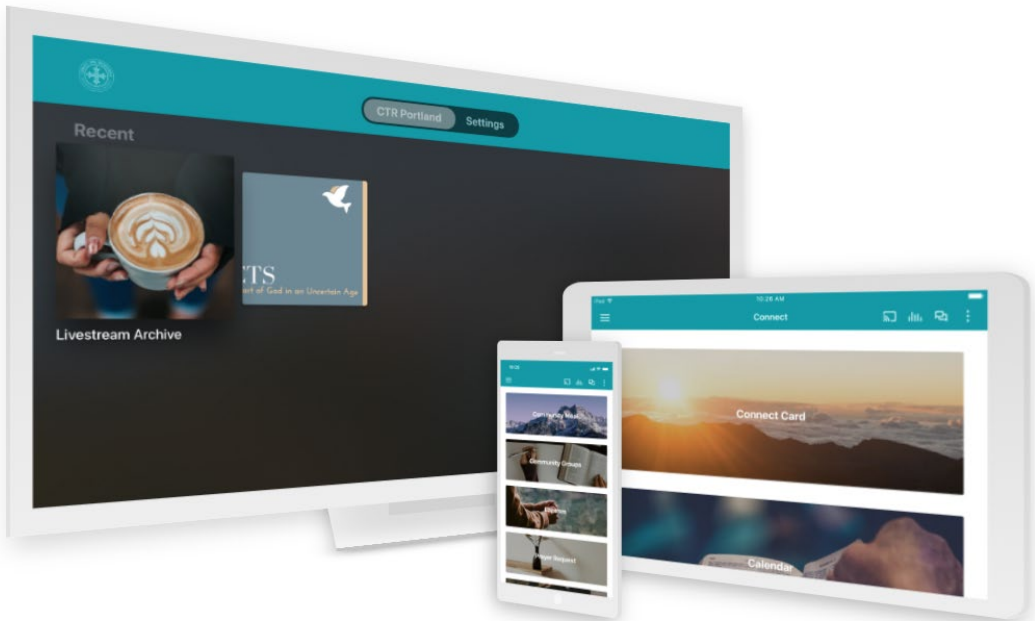








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Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church  
longs to be a diverse people who gather around  
and extend the table of God's grace.

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

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