

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 23, 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

GOD SUMMONS

[PRAISE]

CALL TO WORSHIP

- [L] We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart; we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
- [P] We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

S O N G BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE

GOD SANCTIFIES

[RENEWAL]

CONFESSION OF SIN

[All] O Father, we are gathered before You, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, we have not loved You with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. In Your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred.

But please, Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With You, O Lord, there is forgiveness.

In Your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love You with a holy love. Amen.

from the Valley of Vision

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] Hear the good news!

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

Zephaniah 3:17

[All] Thanks be to God.

S O N G FAIREST LORD JESUS

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.**

GOD SPEAKS

[WORD]

S O N G THERE IS A REDEEMER

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:21-30

Read by Jocelin Yagel

Anger

²¹ "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' ²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶ Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

Lust

²⁷ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

[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 KINGDOM OF GOD

PART 1: THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Sermon:

A ROADMAP TOWARD HEALING

Rev. Josh Henderson Assistant Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q & A #'s 1 & 2

- [L] What is the chief end of man?
- [All] Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.
- [L] What rule has God given to direct us in how to glorify and enjoy him?
- [All] The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us as to how we may glorify and enjoy him.

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.

GOD STRENGTHENS

[TABLE]

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

<u>A Word about Communion</u>: 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 <u>coming up the middle aisle</u> and returning <u>to your seat via the outside</u> <u>aisles</u>.
- 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!

SONG: DOXOLOGY (Old 100th)

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 GRACE

GOD SENDS
[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.



S O N G FOR THE CAUSE

BENEDICTION AND SENDING

- [L] Hear now this call to service:

 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- [P] Amen!

HIGHLIGHTS...

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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 about 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:

TODAY

COMMUNICANTS' CLASS – 9 AM

THURS, OCT 27

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.

FRI, OCT 28

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.

SAT, OCT 29

ANNUAL CTR HARVEST PARTY – 4:00 – 8:00 PM

Come join us at the Roberts' house (64 Brook Road, Portland)!

We will have many fun activities for the kids including a bounce house, face painting, and coloring. For the adults, the competition will be heating up with cornhole and a chili cookoff, with a prize for first place!

Please e-mail Claire if you are interested in participating. (clerkus@gmail.com) This is an EXCELLENT venue for bringing friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

SUN, OCT 30

TWO LIGHTS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – 9 AM

Announcing a new ministry for children in 3rd-5th grade! We are so excited to announce we will have a Sunday School class for this age group, and it will be known as "Two Lights". Join us Sunday mornings at 9am for treats + fun while deepening your knowledge and faith in the Gospel! Parents, please look out for more scheduled class dates and reach out to Ally Henderson for more details.

SUN, NOV 6

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

MERCY TEAM: SERVE WITH THE ROOT CELLAR

Our Mercy Team is supporting the effort to provide food for the many asylum-seeking families that are housed at the Motel 6 in Portland. The Root Cellar needs regular assistance packaging and delivering meals. We hope to send regular volunteers to help meet this important and tangible need.

There are opportunities to serve between 4:30pm and 6:30pm, Monday- Saturday.

Please contact Josh (jhenderson@ctrportland) for more info.

If you would like to <u>package meals</u>, use this QR code to sign up:



If you can help with <u>meal delivery</u>, use this QR code to sign up:



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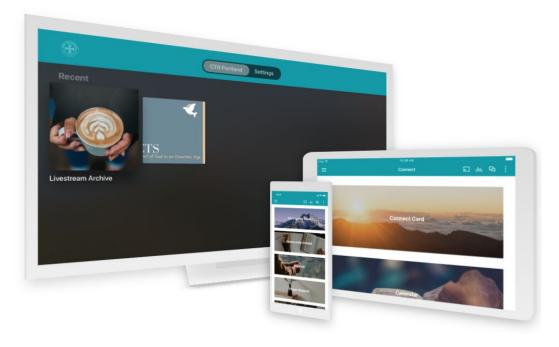
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Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church longs to be a diverse people who gather around and extend the table of God's grace.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00 AM

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