

CHRIST  
THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

June 25, 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 ]

### CALL TO WORSHIP

[L] Our souls magnify the Lord!

[P] **Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!**

[L] The mighty One has done great things for us!

[P] **Holy is God's name!**

[L] Let us worship God.

[P] **For God is our Maker and our Redeemer;  
from generation to generation God gives mercy.**

based on Luke 1:46-50

## S O N G S

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

## G O D S A N C T I F I E S

[ R E N E W A L ]

### CONFESSION OF SIN

[All] **God of salvation, in Christ you have done great things-- our hearts are filled with joy. By your power you lifted us out of the wasteland of sin and brought us with joy and laughter into your kingdom. Salvation is your gift to us. But we confess that often we try to replace your gift with our own efforts. We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full; we try to earn what we already have. Forgive us for our foolishness. Help us focus on your grace. Help us to live grateful lives in return. For Jesus' sake alone, 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] **Thanks be to God.**

SONG

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

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

## MY SAVIOR'S LOVE ENDURES [MAGNIFICAT]

## S C R I P T U R E

1 Samuel 1:1-18; 2:1-10

Read by Jane Powers Odenbach

*The Birth of Samuel*

<sup>1</sup>There was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim of the hill country of Ephraim whose name was Elkanah the son of Jeroham, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Zuph, an Ephrathite. <sup>2</sup>He had two wives. The name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other, Peninnah. And Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

<sup>3</sup>Now this man used to go up year by year from his city to worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the LORD. <sup>4</sup>On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters. <sup>5</sup>But to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. <sup>6</sup>And her rival used to provoke her grievously to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. <sup>7</sup>So it went on year by year. As often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. <sup>8</sup>And Elkanah, her husband, said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? And why do you not eat? And why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

<sup>9</sup>After they had eaten and drunk in Shiloh, Hannah rose. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. <sup>10</sup>She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly. <sup>11</sup>And she vowed a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head."

<sup>12</sup>As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. <sup>13</sup>Hannah was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved, and her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli took her to be a drunken woman. <sup>14</sup>And Eli said to her, "How long will you go on being drunk? Put your wine

away from you.” <sup>15</sup> But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman troubled in spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. <sup>16</sup> Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for all along I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation.” <sup>17</sup> Then Eli answered, “Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him.” <sup>18</sup> And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your eyes.” Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.

### *Hannah's Prayer*

<sup>1</sup>And Hannah prayed and said,  
“My heart exults in the LORD;  
my horn is exalted in the LORD.  
My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in your salvation.

<sup>2</sup>“There is none holy like the LORD:  
for there is none besides you;  
there is no rock like our God.

<sup>3</sup>Talk no more so very proudly,  
let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,  
and by him actions are weighed.

<sup>4</sup>The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble bind on strength.

<sup>5</sup>Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger.

The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low and he exalts.

<sup>8</sup> He raises up the poor from the dust;  
he lifts the needy from the ash heap  
to make them sit with princes  
and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,  
and on them he has set the world.

<sup>9</sup> “He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,  
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness,  
for not by might shall a man prevail.

<sup>10</sup> The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces;  
against them he will thunder in heaven.  
The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;  
he will give strength to his king  
and exalt the horn of his anointed.”

[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.**

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sermon Series:  
THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO DAVID

Sermon:  
HANNAH'S PRAYER

Rev. Sean J.S. Roberts  
Senior 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 Dan McKrell

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

*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!*

SONG: DOXOLOGY [Old 100<sup>th</sup>]

WORDS OF INVITATION & INSTITUTION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION SONG  
HOW GREAT [PSALM 145]

## 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.



S O N G

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

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

[L] May our Lord Jesus Christ, the one who came with grace and truth, also fill your hearts with grace and truth, as you serve him in the days ahead. And may the joy of the Lord--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit-- be your strength.

[All] **Amen!**

# HIGHLIGHTS

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NEW TO CTR? Welcome! If you would like to connect, learn more about our church or subscribe to our weekly announcement email, please use this QR code.



## 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, JUN 25

### **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](mailto:areid@ctrportland.org)).

### **CTR YOUTH GROUP SUMMER/SENIOR SEND-OFF/CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT – 2:30 – 5 PM**

@ The Wiersma's, 29 Lilac Lane, New Gloucester

Parents and siblings are invited to join us!

We will be doing a “build your own kebab” late lunch/early dinner.

Bring your favorite cubed fruit to share.

Please contact Emma Schneider Holloway @ 207-737-9691 with questions or for more information.

MON, JUN 26

### **WOMENS' WEEKLY 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.

Curriculum: “Romans: At His Feet” (Blanton/Gordon)

## ON THE CALENDAR:

FRI, JUN 30

### **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 9

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SUN, JUL 16

### **CTR'S ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC** – 10 AM – 3 PM

@ the Picnic Shelter @ Two Lights State Park, Cape Elizabeth  
Our Worship Service will be held at Two Lights also! Mark your calendars!

Here are the details:

*The Worship Service starts at 10am so plan to arrive at Two Lights around 9:45 am. Please let the park ranger at the gate know that you are with CTR. We are paying for your admission to the park.*

What to bring:

Please bring a lawn chair and/or blanket.

If your last name begins with A-N, please bring a side dish.

If your last name begins with O-Z, please bring a dessert.

*[If you can, please bring your dish in a cool bag to keep it cool during the Worship Service.]*

CTR will provide hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks.

There will be kids' activities during the service to help keep the kids busy!

# 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.**

## JUNE MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT:

### **JASON AND KRISTINE STRYD (Children: Caleb (10), Evette (8), Naomi (1)**

Mission to North America (reaching out with the gospel to the large Albanian population in Boston)

### Prayer Requests from the Stryd's:

- For our family - for our marriage to flourish; for our parenting to be patient, loving and wise; for our family to be a blessing in our neighborhood and world
- For our ministry
  - "Tech Wise Family" Discussion - We will be having our second zoom discussion on this book by Andy Crouch. Will you pray for our time in discussion and for God's growth of our families in wisdom and courage related to technology?
  - Leadership Team Evening - We will host 4 of the Albanian families who are part of our leadership team for a time of fellowship, reflection and planning. Will you pray for our time together and God's continued knitting us together in love and mission.
  - Plans for Summer Retreat - July 14-16 we will be having our annual retreat at a camp in Maine. We are changing locations this time but have the same goal of fellowship and connection. Will you pray that God would be preparing the right families and freeing up their schedules? We usually have a good mix of believers and not yet believers that has resulted in great conversations and connections.

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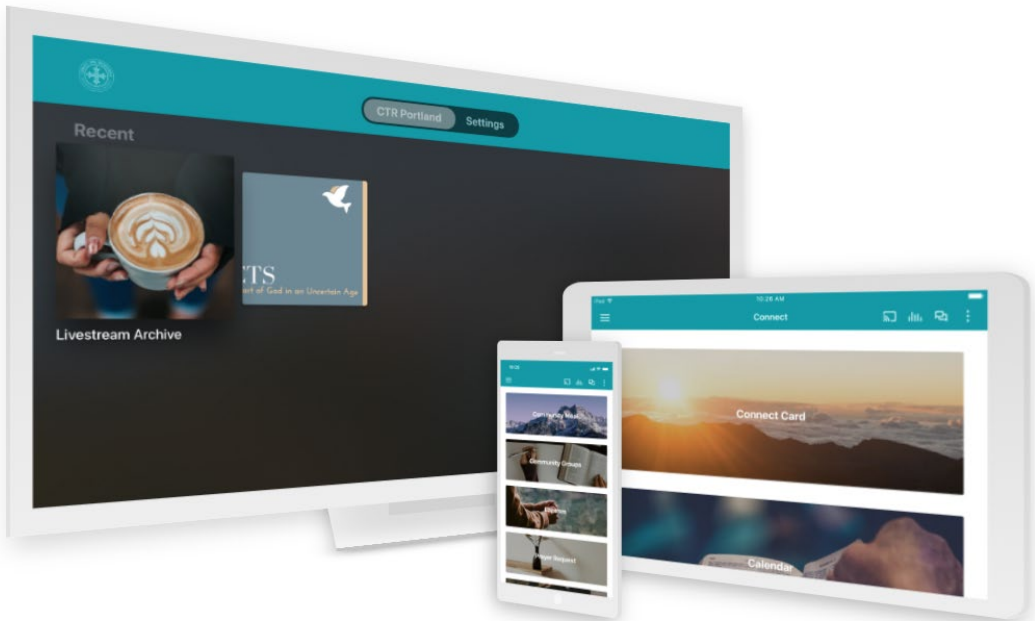
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Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church  
longs to be a diverse people who gather around  
and extend the table of God's grace.

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

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