

CHRIST  
THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
September 11, 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 ]

### CALL TO WORSHIP

[L] Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace;  
approach our God, who is full of mercy.

[P] **We will praise God with all our heart  
and glorify the name of the Most High forever.**

### SONG

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

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

[ R E N E W A L ]

### CONFESSION OF SIN

[L] O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being;

[P] **teach us wisdom in our secret heart.**

[L] Send out your light, send out your truth,

[P] **and let them lead us to our home.**

[L] Take from us the weight of our sin,

[P] **that room might be made for the spirit of truth.**

[L] If we prepare a dwelling place, that spirit will abide within us,

[P] **and the truth will set our spirits free.**

[L] Then shall we love not only in word or in speech;

then we shall love in deed and in truth,

[P] **and by this know that our service is faithful.**

[L] O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being;

[P] **teach us wisdom in our secret heart. Amen.**

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] To all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all who turn to God in hope, this is God's Word of grace: We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved. This gift we have from God.

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

SONG

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

LIFE OF THE PEOPLE  
[ANNOUNCEMENTS]

*Community Groups Commissioning Prayer  
Promotion Sunday [Children's Ministry]*

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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

THE GOSPEL SONG

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

2 John; 3 John 1:5-8

Read by Jane Powers-Odenbach

*Greeting*

<sup>1</sup>The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all who know the truth, <sup>2</sup>because of the truth that abides in us and will be with us forever:

<sup>3</sup>Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.

*Walking in Truth and Love*

<sup>4</sup>I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father. <sup>5</sup>And now I ask you, dear lady—not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another. <sup>6</sup>And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it. <sup>7</sup>For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist. <sup>8</sup>Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we<sup>[a]</sup> have worked for, but may win a full reward. <sup>9</sup>Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. <sup>10</sup>If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, <sup>11</sup>for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works.

*Final Greetings*

<sup>12</sup> Though I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink. Instead I hope to come to you and talk face to face, so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>13</sup> The children of your elect sister greet you.

**Support and Opposition**

<sup>5</sup> Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, <sup>6</sup> who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. <sup>7</sup> For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. <sup>8</sup> Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.

[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:

A LONGING FOR TRUTH AND HOSPITALITY

Rev. Josh Henderson

Assistant Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #1

[L] What is your only comfort in life and in death?

[P] **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Carol Fecteau

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  
I'LL NOT BE SHAKEN

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

O L O V E T H A T W I L L N O T L E T M E G O

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

[L] Go forth in the name of the Lord.

This is God's charge: We should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,  
and love one another, just as he commanded us.

[P] **Amen!**

--based on I John 3:23

# 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 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:

TODAY

### **PROMOTION SUNDAY – 10 AM**

Join us after the service in the side yard for a continuation of our celebration of our children moving up in their classes! We will have refreshments and a wonderful time of fellowship!

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.

FRI, SEPT 16

### **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, 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 – Thursday @ 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.

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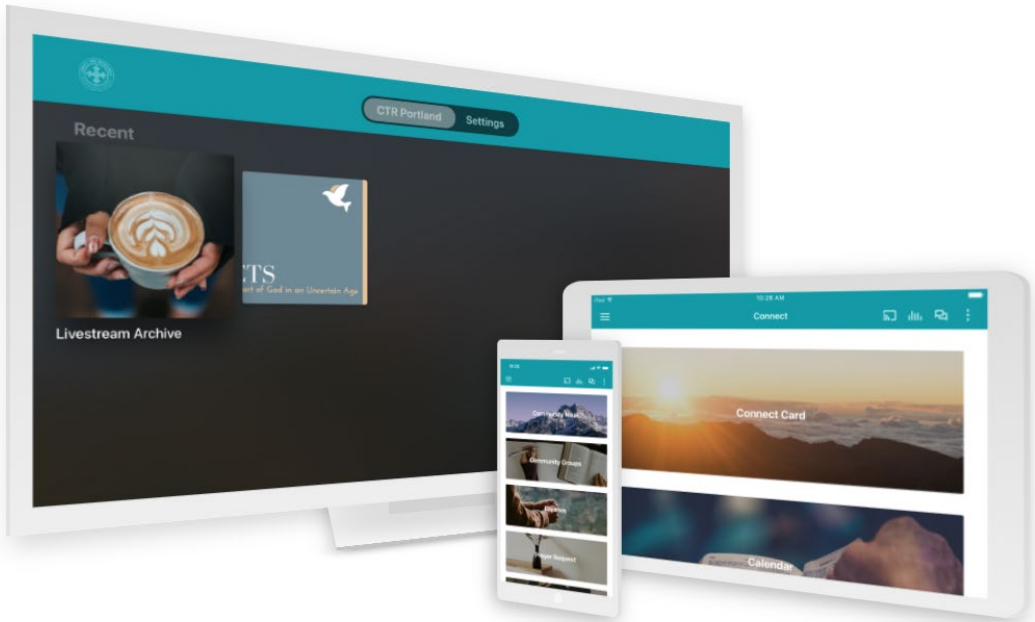
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Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church  
longs to be a diverse people who gather around  
and extend the table of God's grace.

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

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(Returning from sabbatical on Tuesday, September 13)

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