

CHRIST
THE REDEEMER

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

August 6, 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] Let us worship the God who satisfies our every need, the Good Shepherd who guides us to abundance and refreshment.

Let us praise the God who specializes in the restoration of the soul, who navigates our perfect path, and is present with us in times of trouble.

He is our Blessing and our Protector.

God surrounds and nourishes us in the midst of the assailing forces that seek our destruction.

[P] **Let us give thanks to our relentless God, the Hound of Heaven, who pursues us with goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen.**

S O N G

P R A I S E T O T H E L O R D

GOD SANCTIFIES

[RENEWAL]

CONFESSION OF SIN

[All] **Have mercy on me, O God, in your faithful love, in your great tenderness wipe away my offences; wash me thoroughly from my guilt, purify me from my sin. For I am well aware of my offences, my sin is constantly in mind. Against you, you alone, I have sinned, I have done what you see to be wrong, that you may show your saving justice when you pass sentence, and your victory may appear when you give judgment, remember, I was born guilty, a sinner from the moment of conception. But you delight in sincerity of heart, and in secret you teach me wisdom. God, create in me a clean heart, renew within me a resolute spirit, do not thrust me away from your presence, do not take away from me your spirit of holiness. Give me back the joy of your salvation, sustain in me a generous spirit. Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will speak out your praise. Sacrifice gives you no pleasure, burnt offering you do not desire. Sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken, contrite heart you never scorn.**

Psalm 51:1-6, 10-13, 15-17

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] **Praise be to God.**

SONG

HIS MERCY IS MORE

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

ONLY A HOLY GOD

S C R I P T U R E

2 Samuel 11:1-15, 26-27; 12:1-15 ESV

Read by Roger Kepler

David and Bathsheba

11 In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

² It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful. ³ And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" ⁴ So David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she had been purifying herself from her uncleanness.) Then she returned to her house. ⁵ And the woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

⁶ So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. ⁷ When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab was doing and how the people were doing and how the war was going. ⁸ Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." And Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. ⁹ But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. ¹⁰ When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "Have you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?" ¹¹ Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah dwell in booths, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field. Shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing." ¹² Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. ¹³ And David invited him, and he ate in his presence and

drank, so that he made him drunk. And in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

¹⁴In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. ¹⁵In the letter he wrote, “Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, that he may be struck down, and die.”

²⁶When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she lamented over her husband. ²⁷And when the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

Nathan Rebukes David

¹²And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had very many flocks and herds, ³but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him.” ⁵Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, “As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, ⁶and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.”

⁷Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. ⁸And I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. ⁹Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.’ ¹¹Thus says the LORD, ‘Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. ¹²For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.’” ¹³David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” And Nathan said to David, “The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. ¹⁴Nevertheless, because by this

deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child who is born to you shall die.”¹⁵ Then Nathan went to his house.

¹⁸ On the seventh day the child died...

Solomon's Birth

²⁴ Then David comforted his wife, Bathsheba, and went in to her and lay with her, and she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. And the LORD loved him²⁵ and sent a message by Nathan the prophet. So he called his name Jedidiah, because of the LORD.

[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.**

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 6, 2023

Sermon Series:
THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO DAVID

Sermon:
DAVID, THE REPENTANT SINNER

Alden Groves
Pastoral Intern

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A #87

[L] What is repentance unto life?

[P] **Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Elder Tim Yagel

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 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: S A N C T U S

WORDS OF INVITATION & INSTITUTION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION SONG

GRACE

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

W E W I L L F E A S T I N T H E H O U S E O F Z I O N

B E N E D I C T I O N

[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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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, AUG 6

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.

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

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.

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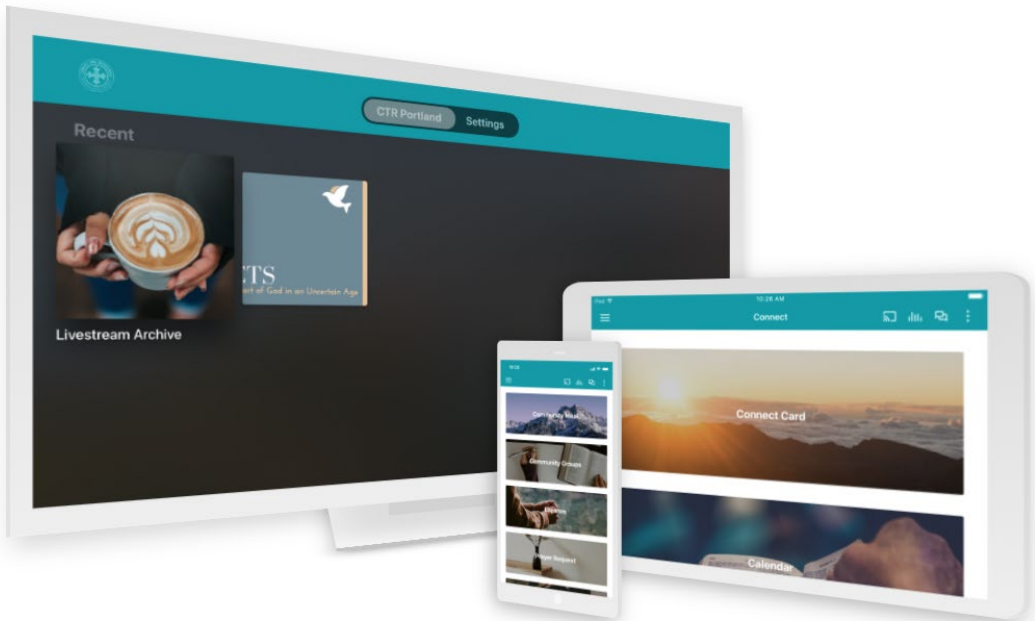
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Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church
longs to be a diverse people who gather around
and extend the table of God's grace.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00 AM

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