



CHRIST
THE REDEEMER
—PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 6, 2025

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 – 1st grade are welcome to go to Children's Church. They will re-join their families after the sermon.

→ You may use this QR code to link
to the lyrics in our worship service today.



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] But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

S O N G

ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL

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

[R E N E W A L]

C O N F E S S I O N O F S I N

[All] **Heavenly Father, we confess that we are not always able, willing, and ready to be vessels of your work. Thank you for the times that you cultivate our receptive hearts and fruitful hands. In your abundant mercy, sow in us seeds of your love, your grace, and your truth. Encourage us with your Holy Spirit, so that we are more and more prepared to receive and live your word. We pray these things in the name of Jesus, your living word, who grants our forgiveness. Hear our prayers as we continue our confession in silence... Amen.**

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] But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

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

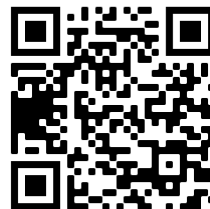
1 Peter 2:9

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.**

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SONG

AMAZING GRACE [MY CHAINS ARE GONE]

G O D S P E A K S

[W O R D]

S C R I P T U R E

Selections from Acts 10 & 11 ESV

Read by Landon Kepler

10 At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, ² a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God. ³ About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, “Cornelius.” ⁴ And he stared at him in terror and said, “What is it, Lord?” And he said to him, “Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. ⁵ And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter. ⁶ He is lodging with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea...”

⁹ The next day ... Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. ¹⁰ And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance ¹¹ and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth. ¹² In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. ¹³ And there came a voice to him: “Rise, Peter; kill and eat.” ¹⁴ But Peter said, “By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean.” ¹⁵ And the voice came to him again a second time, “What God has made clean, do not call common.” ¹⁶ This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven...

¹⁹ And while Peter was pondering the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Behold, three men are looking for you. ²⁰ Rise and go down and accompany them without hesitation, for I have sent them.”

²³ ...The next day he rose and went away with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him. ²⁴ And on the following day they entered Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends...

³⁰ And Cornelius said, ³³ “... we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord.”

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word

that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened... ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ ... They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day ... ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

⁴⁴ While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷ "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

11 Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. **2** So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, **3** "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." **4** But Peter began and explained it to them ... **15** "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. **16** And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' **17** If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" **18** When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

[L] The grass withers and the flower fades,
but the Word of God stands forever.
The Word of the Lord.

Isaiah 40:8

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

Sermon Series:
THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sermon:
CORNELIUS: EXTENDING THE TABLE OF GRACE

Rev. Alden D. Groves
Assistant Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

[L] Christian, what is it that we believe?

[P] **We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Austin Watson

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]

C E L E B R A T I N G H O L Y C O M M U N I O N

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

SANCTUS

W O R D S O F I N V I T A T I O N & I N S T I T U T I O N

P R A Y E R O F T H A N K S G I V I N G

P A R T A K I N G O F T H E E L E M E N T S

SONG

ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST

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.

SONG

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

B E N E D I C T I O N a n d S E N D I N G

[L] May the peace of God rule in your hearts, for to this you were called as one body.
 And may you be filled with gratitude for the grace found in Christ!

Adapted from Colossians 3:15

[P] **Amen.**

HIGHLIGHTS

July 6, 2025

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ON THE CALENDAR

SUMMER STUDY: WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

TODAY – 9 AM

Ever wondered about what exactly the church is? Or who it is? Or what it's for?

Come join us on Sundays at 9 AM from June 15 – August 3 for an overview study of why God made the church and what being the church means for our everyday lives.

WOMEN'S ART & REFLECTION NIGHT

TUES, JULY 8 – 7 to 8:30 PM | 29 David Road, Portland

Have you ever wanted to meditate on God's Word but find it hard to slow down? Join us for an evening of Bible reflection through decoupage/collage and time with good friends. Snacks & supplies provided, but if you have old magazines collecting dust, this is the perfect chance to put them to good use!

P.S. This is a low-key opportunity to invite a friend who's curious about Jesus. Text Abby Watson at 850-491-8986 with any questions.

ON THE CALENDAR

MEN'S DROP-IN

THURS, JULY 10 – 5 to 6:30 PM | Lone Pine Brewing, 219 Anderson St, Portland

You're invited to a Men's Drop-In at Lone Pine Brewing! It's a laid-back chance to connect, enjoy a drink, and catch up with other guys from church. Swing by for a bit or stay the whole time—whatever works. Bring a friend and join us!

CTR & NDA ANNUAL SOCCER GAME

SUN, JULY 13 – 1 PM | Deering High School

It's that time of year again—our annual soccer match against North Deering Alliance Church is happening on Sunday, July 13!

Whether you're lacing up your cleats or cheering from the sidelines, this is a great opportunity to enjoy some friendly competition, build relationships, and have a blast together as two church families.

Join the team if you're ready to play—or come cheer us on if you'd rather be part of the fan section! Bring a lawn chair, a water bottle, and your loudest cheering voice.

Let's show up with joy, good sportsmanship, and maybe a little team spirit as we continue this fun tradition with our friends at NDA.

BOOKS & BUBBLY

WED, JULY 30 – 7 PM | 64 Brook Rd, Portland

Ladies! You're invited to Books & Bubbly for an evening of light refreshments and great conversation. This month's read is Vera Wong's *Unsolicited Advice for Murderers*—a quirky, heartwarming mystery full of charm and unexpected twists. Whether you've read the whole book or just a few pages, come enjoy time together, share your thoughts, and connect with others.

Questions? Contact Claire Roberts at 956-270-2565.

ON THE CALENDAR

FCA POWER CAMP – GREATER PORTLAND

🌀 JULY 21–24 | 9 AM–2 PM | Presumpscot Park (Deering High)

Volunteer for FCA Camp 2025! Be part of something big this summer as we partner with Fellowship of Christian Athletes to host a 4-day sports and faith-based camp for kids in Portland!



Use this QR code to
VOLUNTEER.

We need volunteers to serve as: Coaches (Head & Assistant), Huddle Leaders, Greeters & Registration, General Helpers, Games Team & Dinner Team, Junior Camp Volunteers [You don't need to be an athlete—just someone who wants to make a difference.]

PARENTS: SIGN UP YOUR KIDS! Do your kids love sports? Do you want them to grow in confidence, character, and faith this summer? FCA Camp is the perfect place! Campers will receive great coaching in one of the following sports: Basketball, Football, Softball, Baseball, Soccer



Use this QR code to
SIGN UP YOUR KIDS!

Registration is open now!

Questions? Contact Abby Reid at  404.723.4448 |  areid@ctrportland.org

CTR SUMMER WRITING CHALLENGE

FRI, AUGUST 1 – 7:30 PM | 182 Pinecrest Rd, Portland

Looking for a creative outlet? Dreaming of becoming Maine's next great writer? Or maybe you just like snacks? Whatever your reason—join us for the CTR Summer Writing Challenge!

This year's prompt is “**confession.**” Write a story, essay, poem, song—anything inspired by the word (approx. 3,000 words max).

Submit your piece to Alden by **Friday, July 25**, then gather with us to share, discuss, and enjoy good company (and snacks!).

Questions? Contact Alden Groves at agroves@ctrportland.org.



TO PLEDGE
ONLINE

DEEP ROOTS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

As part of our **Deep Roots Capital Campaign**, we've invited everyone in our community to prayerfully consider how they can support the next chapter of our church's life together.

If you would prefer to make a pledge online, please visit our **online pledge form**—and feel free to share the link with friends, family, or others in your circle who believe in the mission of our church.

Every gift, every conversation, and every step of faith helps us put down deep roots for generations to come.

LISTEN TO CTR ON SPOTIFY AND APPLE PODCASTS!

The sermon from each Sunday's Worship Service can be found on both Spotify and Apple Podcasts! This happens automatically each Sunday BUT please note that until the service is trimmed on Monday, the podcast will include the entire service. Once it is trimmed, it will include the scripture reading, the sermon and the prayer after the sermon. Please use the QR codes below to go straight to each platform.

Our full service is livestreamed to Facebook, YouTube and the CTR App. If you want to view the full service after Sunday, that can be viewed at any point on Facebook and YouTube.



Listen on
Apple Podcasts



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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How Do I Get and Stay Connected at CTR?

At CTR we long for clear communication and deep bonds. We are excited that you're interested in being more connected and involved. The following is a list of our communication channels and their purpose in the life of our body:

1. EMAIL NEWSLETTER (*Keeping in Touch*)

This is the primary vehicle by which we communicate regarding the life of our church. Most weeks you will receive an email with announcements and upcoming events. From time to time, our elders will also use this vehicle for church-wide or members only correspondence. **NOTE:** *If you are not regularly checking your email from CTR, it will be difficult to feel and be connected in the life of our church.* [Use this QR code to sign up for the email.]



2. CTR APP & TEXT MESSAGES

The CTR App is designed to help those in our church interact with each other. It is largely crowd sourced and includes information on informal meetups, prayer requests, live and past sermons/services, different hobby groups, ways to give, etc. [See page 16 to download the App.]

Text Messages are sent exclusively as reminders about events in the days/hours immediately beforehand.

3. SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday mornings employ several communication methods, including written **announcements in our Order of Worship**, verbally highlighted **announcements**, and (new) **projected announcements** running before and after the service. Sunday Morning announcements are focused on pointing people to events and ministries that help them explore or integrate more fully into the life of our church. Given the diverse backgrounds and circumstances of those attending Sunday Morning Worship, only on rare and exceptional occasions will these vehicles be used by leadership for information that is primarily member focused.

4. CTR WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

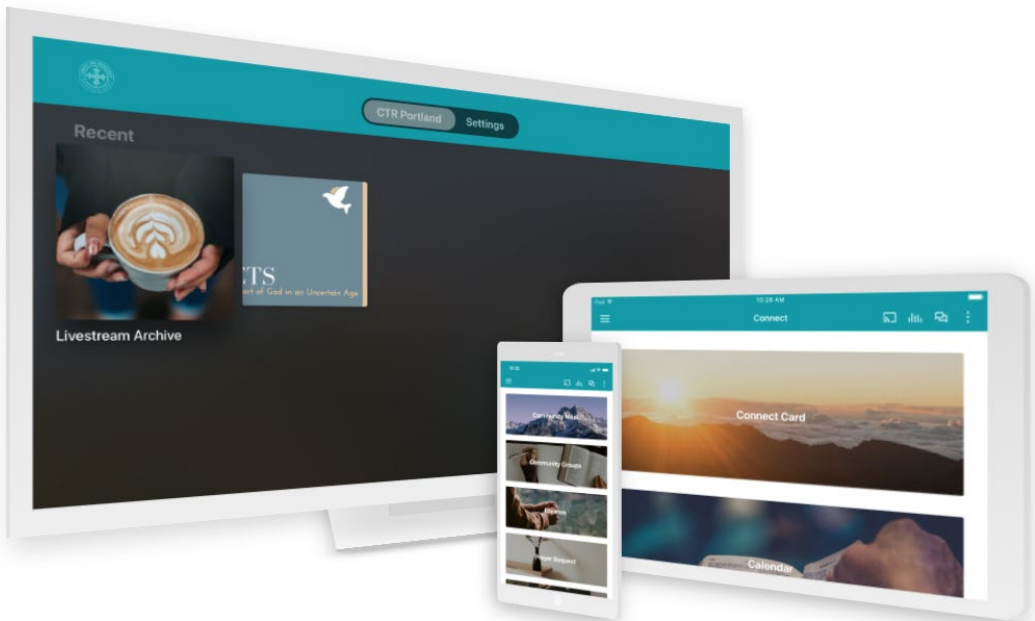
Both mediums are designed to be primarily outward facing.

The CTR Website [ctrportland.org] is designed to be our front door– a welcoming place for new people to discover and learn about our church. It is minimal in announcements and church life information.

Social Media [Instagram & Facebook] is used for promotion of church events. People are encouraged to “re-post” as a way of sharing with and inviting their friends. [@ctrportland]

If you would like to access or have had difficulty accessing any of these vehicles, please contact ctr@ctrportland.org. Our admin, Cheryl Sullivan, is happy to help you get integrated into our communication systems.

DOWNLOAD THE CTR APP!





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THE REDEEMER**
—PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—

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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In need of assistance?

If you're experiencing a material need beyond what you can manage, the CTR Deacons may be able to help. Please call them at 207-331-1304 or email deacons@ctrportland.org. All inquiries will remain confidential, and you will receive a reply within twenty-four hours.

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