



*“To him who sits
on the throne
and to the Lamb
be praise and honor
and glory and power,
for ever and ever!”*

Revelation 5:13

CRC exists to honor God
by fostering a movement of Christ's Kingdom
through the proclamation and practice of the gospel
that serves and transforms the Upper Valley
and, through the Upper Valley, the world.

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM
HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL
HANOVER, NH

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Office Hours • Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9 am - 3 pm

TO OUR VISITORS...

Welcome to Christ Redeemer Church! We trust that your visit with us will be a rewarding one. We have found that the Gospel of Christ has the power to change all things, and it is our desire that you experience a taste of that today.

If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to use the Contact Form on the back of this bulletin or on our website at www.christredeemerchurch.org/contact-card.

GENERAL WORSHIP SERVICE INSTRUCTIONS

Restrooms are located on the second floor to the right as you exit the auditorium, and on the first floor, near the back entrance.

Find a seat prior to the service. If possible, please sit in the middle of the center section or along the walls to leave space for those coming in after you.

Phones should be silenced at all times.

Food is not permitted in the auditorium per school policy.

Elevator: The elevator located by the back entrance.

Assistive Hearing Devices are on the Bible table at the back of the auditorium near the entrance. For assistance, please ask someone at the sound board.

Nursing Mothers are welcome to use the band room (253) during the service.

CHILDCARE PROGRAM

Childcare is available for infants through 2nd graders. Please check your child/ren in with the Childcare Supervisor when you arrive at the service. During check-in, the Childcare Supervisor will ask you to fill out a security sticker. Please keep the receipt portion of the sticker and give it to the teacher when you pick up your child after the service.

Nursery (infants & toddlers) is available for the whole service in room 154 (to the right at the bottom of the main flight of stairs).

Preschool Church (preschoolers, 3-5 year olds) and **Junior Church** (kindergarten & 2nd grade) begins during the brief break prior to the sermon. Parents should drop children off in Preschool Church of in the hallway outside 154 and pick them up inside room 154 (just past the childcare check-in table); Junior Church is in room 268 (across the upstairs lobby and to the left as you exit the auditorium).

Your children are also welcome to remain in the worship service if you wish.

Children's Bulletins are available just outside the auditorium entrance (across from the elevator).

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Meets from 9:00 on most Sundays during the school year.

Fall Sunday School will run from September 13th through November 22nd

Pre-K to Kindergarten – hall outside 154 – Old Testament Bible Stories

1st to 3rd Grade – room 268 – Creation & God's Growing Family

4th & 5th Grade – atrium – The Lives of David, Solomon, & Elijah

Middle School – by cafeteria – Who is Jesus? Reading through the Gospel of Mark

High School – hallway to cafeteria – The Book of Exodus

Adult Sunday School – room 253 – History of Church Doctrine

WORSHIPPING GOD THROUGH GIVING

An offering box is located at the entrance of the auditorium for worshipping through financial giving. You may also give online at www.christredeemerchurch.org/give or mail a gift to the church office (PO Box 5523, Hanover, NH 03755).

GENERAL MINISTRIES & ONLINE RESOURCES

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TIME OF REFLECTION

“When you try your best but you don’t succeed
When you get what you want but not what you need
When you feel so tired but you can’t sleep.”

~“Fix You” by Cold Play

“Desperation is the raw material of drastic change. Only those who can leave behind everything they have ever believed in can hope to escape.”

~William S. Burroughs (1914-1997), writer

“The first link between my soul and Christ is not my goodness but my badness; not my merit but my misery; not my riches but my need.”

“If you are to go to Christ, do not put on your good doings and feelings, or you will get nothing; go in your sins.... Your ruin is your argument for mercy; your poverty is your plea for heavenly alms; and your need is the motive for heavenly goodness. Go as you are, and let your miseries plead for you.”

~Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892), British preacher

“...Mark is making it clear that Jesus did not come just to give his gifts. He came to give himself.”

~Michael Card, songwriter and musical artist

“All Christians know, of course, that it is through God’s self-outpouring upon the cross that we are saved, and that we are made able by grace to participate in Christ’s suffering; but this should not obscure that other truth revealed at Easter: that the incarnate God enters ‘this cosmos’...to break the boundaries of fallen nature asunder, and to refashion creation after its ancient beauty—wherein neither sin nor death had any place.”

~David Bentley Hart, philosopher, theologian and writer

“Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise,
but the companion of fools will suffer harm.”

~Proverbs 13:20 (ESV)

MUSIC – *Music Team led by Matt Lewis*

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER – *Joel Lefferts*

Worship through Praise and Adoration

CALL TO WORSHIP – *Psalm 34:1-3, 8-9 (ESV)*

LEADER: I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

PEOPLE: *My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.*

LEADER: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

PEOPLE: *Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!*

LEADER: Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

(Joachim Neander, 1665)

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?
Hallelu--jah, hallelu--jah (repeat)

Praise to the Lord,
Who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee!
Decked thee with health,
And with loving hand guided and stayed thee,
How oft in grief – Hath not He brought thee re-lief,
Spreading His wings for to shade thee!

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again:
Gladly forever adore Him.
Hallelu--jah, hallelu--jah (repeat)

PUBLIC DOMAIN

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION – *Adapted from Revelation 5:9-13 (ESV)*

LEADER: Let us join the chorus of heaven, as we sing the song of the crucified yet conquering Lamb of God:

PEOPLE: *“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”*

LEADER: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

PEOPLE: *“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”*

LEADER: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

ALL: *“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”*

LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

(John Newton 1774, Laura Taylor)

Let us love and sing and wonder, Let us praise the Savior's name! He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mt. Sinai's flame.	Let us wonder grace and justice Join and point to mercy's store; When through grace in Christ our trust is, Justice smiles and asks no more.
Let us love the Lord who bought us, Pitied us when enemies, Called us by His grace and taught us, Gave us ears and gave us eyes.	He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood, Has secured our way to God.
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God.	Let us praise and join the chorus Of the saints enthroned on high; Here they trusted him before us, Now their praises fill the sky.

He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He presents us whole to God.

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HOUSE OF GOD FOREVER

(Jon Foreman)

God is my shepherd,
I won't be wanting,
I won't be wanting.
He makes me rest in fields of green,
With quiet streams.
Even though I walk through the valley
Of death and dying,
I will not fear 'cause You are with me,
You are with me.

CHORUS:
Your shepherd's staff, comforts me,
You are my feast in the presence of enemies,
Surely goodness will follow me
Follow me
In the house of God forever.

God is my shepherd,
I won't be wanting,
I won't be wanting.
He makes me rest in fields of green,
By quiet streams.
Even while I'm walking through the valley
Of death and dying,
I will not fear 'cause You are with me,
You're always with me.

(CHORUS)

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SHARING TIME & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER – Walker Tuttle

Benevolence Offering for Local Needs: CRC's regular Benevolence Offerings are special collections above and beyond our regular giving to the church. The money received is then used 1) to help those with material needs within our church, 2) to help those in need in the broader Upper Valley Community, and 3) at times to help those suffering loss in other parts of the world. Now through October 25, we have another such opportunity to give towards local needs. If you want to designate a gift for this special offering, please write "Benevolence: Local Needs" in the memo section of your check or on your giving envelope. You can also give online at www.christredeemerchurch.org/give. If you give online, please select "Benevolence Fund" from the dropdown menu.

BRIEF BREAK – *If you have children, infants through 2nd grade, who are attending childcare, please escort them to their class at this time. Nursery is in room 154, Preschool Church is in the hallway outside of 154 (Parents should pick up their preschoolers in the nursery - room 154), and Junior Church is in room 268. See page 2 for details.*

DOXOLOGY

(Thomas Ken & Genevan Psalter, 1551; attr. Louis Bourgeois)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

PUBLIC DOMAIN

SERMON – “How the Son of the Most High God Changes Us” – *Jake Willeman*

SERMON PASSAGE – *Mark 5:1-20 (ESV)* – *Micah Roberts*

¹ They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. ² And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. ³ He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, ⁴ for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. ⁵ Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones. ⁶ And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. ⁷ And crying out with a loud voice, he said, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.” ⁸ For he was saying to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!” ⁹ And Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” He replied, “My name is Legion, for we are many.” ¹⁰ And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. ¹¹ Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, ¹² and they begged him, saying, “Send us to the pigs; let us

enter them.” ¹³ So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.

¹⁴ The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. ¹⁵ And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ¹⁶ And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. ¹⁷ And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region. ¹⁸ As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. ¹⁹ And he did not permit him but said to him, “Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” ²⁰ And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

Worship through the Sacrament

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (circa 5th Century)

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

*PEOPLE: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Maker of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell*.
The third day He arose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall 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.

*i.e. suffered under the judgment of God for His people

*i.e. "universal"

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPENING BREAD AND CUP

Pull clear tab for communion wafer. Push down on silver foil tab until plastic tab cracks and then pull up for the juice. After communion, please place empty cup back in bag and pass it to the aisle to be collected during the last song.

MAY I RECEIVE COMMUNION TODAY?

At CRC we welcome all believers in Christ to receive Holy Communion with us provided that they are 1) forsaking their sin and self-righteousness, and 2) trusting in Jesus alone for salvation. If you are not able to receive Communion today, please use this time to meditate on who Jesus is and what he has done for us, even using this as an opportunity to put your trust in him. If you feel that God is calling you to faith in his Son, perhaps the prayer below will be helpful to you as you seek him:

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Please guide me and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you, as I consider the reasons for doing so. Amen.

If you would like to talk to someone about becoming a Christian, please let the pastor, one of the elders, or the friend who brought you know. You may also inquire by completing the contact form on the back of the bulletin and placing it in the offering box.

ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE!

(Charles Wesley, 1742, Kevin Twit)

Arise, my soul, arise,
Shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice
In my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands:
My name is written on His hands.

(CHORUS)

Arise (*arise*), arise (*arise*), arise,
Arise, my soul, arise
Arise (*arise*), arise (*arise*), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

He ever lives above,
For me to intercede,
His all redeeming love,
His precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

(CHORUS)

Five bleeding wounds He bears,
Received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers,
They strongly plead for me:
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!”

(CHORUS)

My God is reconciled;
His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child;
I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And, “Father, Abba, Father,” cry. (CHORUS)

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BENEDICTION

WORSHIPPING GOD THROUGH GIVING – *An offering box is located at the entrance to the auditorium. Gifts may also be made on the church website or mailed to the church office (PO Box 5523, Hanover, NH). See the bottom of page 11 for more information about CRC finances and giving.*

Announcements & Upcoming Events

New to CRC? We'd love to help you get connected! Fill out our Contact Form online at www.christredeemerchurch.org/contact-card.

Food Drive for the Haven will continue every Sunday in October. See insert for a list of requested items.

CHAD Hero Road Closure: Next Sunday (10/18), Lebanon Street will be closed from 8:50 am and 9:15 am between Main Street and Summer Street. Those driving through downtown Hanover for Sunday School need to arrive prior to 8:50 am. See map insert for details.

Missions Lunch: Sunday, October 25th after the worship service, across the street at the R.W.B. Community Center. All are welcome to join us for pizza lunch and hear from missionary Jimmy Smith who serves in the Nordic-Baltic region. Jimmy will also share during Adult Sunday School and the worship service. If you would like to come to lunch, please RSVP to Margaret Janisse (margaretjanisse@gmail.com) by 10/23.

Take a Student to Lunch Day: Sunday, November 1st after the worship service. Details to follow.

Day of Fasting & Prayer: Monday, November 2nd from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at the church office. 1 Oak Ridge Road, West Lebanon. Upon entering the driveway, turn left. The church office is located in the lower level of the blue building closest to Route 10. Fall Prayer Dates: 11/2, 12/7.

Men's Breakfast: Friday, November 6th at 6:00 am at the R.W.B. Community Center (48 Lebanon St, Hanover). If you would be interested in helping with this event, please contact Chris (chris.audino@gmail.com). Fall Dates: 11/6, 12/4.

Fall Feast: Sunday, November 15th after the worship service at the R.W.B. Community Center. Details and food sign up to follow.

Sunday School: Most Sundays during the school year from 9:00 to 9:50. See page 2 for a list of classes for preschoolers through adults.

Community Groups: A network of small groups designed to be a mini-Christian community, providing an opportunity for prayer, fellowship, Bible study and service. If you would like to join a CG, please contact the church office (office@christredeemerchurch.org). Fall CGs Weeks: 10/11, 10/25, 11/8, 11/22, 12/6.

Youth Group: Not meeting this week. Meets most Mondays during the school year. All students, 6th through 12th grade welcome! Middle and high school meet separately. For details, contact Walker (walker.tuttle@christredeemerchurch.org). YG Dates: 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/30.

Women's Bible Studies: For more details, contact Claudine Lefferts (womens.ministry@christredeemerchurch.org) or a leader listed below.

- **Coffee Break:** Tuesdays 9 to 10:30 am at Wellspring. New Testament Survey. Childcare is available. Contact Claudine (email above).
- **Decaf:** Wednesdays 7:00 to 8:30 pm in W. Lebanon. New Testament Overview: Encountering Jesus. Contact Claudine (email above).
- **Espresso:** Thursdays 7:00 to 8:15 am on Zoom. Studying Nehemiah. Contact becca.wistrom@gmail.com or pam.tengdin@gmail.com.
- **Encouragers Book Club:** 1st Wednesday of month from 1-2:30 pm in Lebanon. For details, contact Barb (barbaratuttlewriter@gmail.com).

Men's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in Hanover. Studying the book of John. Contact Doug (doug.tengdin@gmail.com).

Church Leadership

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Service Schedule

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th (*MOD)(**first week in role)

Set Up, Sound, Music, Service Co. 8, Child Sup 8:45, Nursery & Greet 9:45

Sound: J. Gillespie, I. Gillespie N. Dentel **Music:** M. Lewis

Sharing & Prayer/EOD: W. Tuttle **Service Coord.:** T. & S. Staats

Set Up/Pack Up: R. Guo, D. Zhang, J. & W. Rodriguez, TBA

Greeters: B. Berwick, A. Rodriguez**, J. & L. Little

Welcome Table: Michelle McFarland

Nursery: L. Berwick, H. Pool, F. McFarland, M. Gillespie

Preschool Church: S. Matter*, A. McFarland, E. Gillespie, J. Matter

Junior Church: R. & J. Markwood*, R. Guo, D. Zhang

Child. Supervisor: Mat McFarland

Sermon Upload: Y. Rabkin

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18th (*MOD)(**first week in role)

Set Up, Sound, Music, Service Co. 8, Child Sup 8:45, Nursery & Greet 9:45

Sound: M. Bish, Ch. Lefferts, E. Lackey **Music:** Alasdair Groves

Sharing & Prayer/EOD: C. Audino **Service Coord:** J. Lefferts

Set Up/Pack Up: A. & R. Howland**, B. K. & C. Pool, S. Lackey

Greeters: A. & R. Howland**, P. Blackledge, M. Davidson

Welcome Table: E. Bish

Nursery: I. Garland*, I. Morton, H. Pool, A. Audino

Preschool Church: B. Wistrom*, Evie Audino, B. Kearney**

Junior Church: S. Morton*, E. Morton, H. Old

Child. Supervisor: Cl. Lefferts

Sermon Upload: T. Arulmani

CHRIST REDEEMER CHURCH CORE VALUES

Christ Changes Everything • Christ Mandates Our Message • Christ Glorifies God
Christ Causes Us to Value and Care for People • Christ Reorients Our Hearts • Christ Reconciles Us to One Another
Christ Redeems All of Life • Christ is Victorious • Christ Causes Us to Look Outwardly

CHRIST REDEEMS ALL OF LIFE

We value the Lordship of Christ over all areas of our lives. Although we recognize a proper distinction between the secular and the sacred, between the domains of common grace and saving grace, we also understand Christ to be Lord of both. He is both Creator and Redeemer. All of life is intended to point us to the person and work of Christ. In this we recognize that all our duties are callings from God whether in the home (parent or child), in the workplace (employer or employee), in the school (teacher or student) or in the society at large (ruler or citizen). Thus, we commit ourselves to obey that same Lord whether in the church or in the world, and to recognize all that we do, whether sacred or secular, to be of equally valid service unto our Creator and Redeemer (Colossians 3:22-4:1; Romans 13:1-8).

Likewise, we seek to engage the broader culture in relevant dialogue, bringing eternity to bear upon time. In this we recognize that the gospel does not destroy our humanity but redeems it by restoring us to our original calling as divine image-bearers tending the garden of God unto the glory of God. Human beings made in the image of the Creator are uniquely creative, intelligent, and relational. Therefore, we seek to be neither culturally cold nor culturally accommodating, but engagingly relevant, encouraging excellence unto the glory of God.

HOW CAN I GET CONNECTED AT CHRIST REDEEMER CHURCH?

At CRC we welcome people from every background and every stage in their journey with Christ. CRC is comprised of people that are committed followers of Jesus as well as those just investigating. Wherever you might find yourself, there is a place for you at CRC. If you need help getting connected, just ask a friend, visit the Welcome Table in the lobby after the service, contact the church office or fill out the Contact Form on the last page of this bulletin.

Just Investigating: If you are just investigating the gospel of Christ, there are several points of connections you might find helpful:

- **Worship:** Every Sunday morning at 10:00 am, you'll find ample opportunity to learn about Jesus and what He has done for us.
- **Sunday School:** During the school year, we offer classes for all ages including classes for adults. In these classes, you are welcome to jump into the dialogue or just sit and listen. More information is available on pg. 2 of this bulletin.
- **Various Other Ministries:** For more information about small groups, retreats, and other events for men, women, and youth, see page 10 of the bulletin or contact the church office.

Desiring A Greater Level of Participation: If you are investigating what it means to be a Christian, or have been a Christian for a while but are new to CRC, we strongly recommend that you become a participant in the life of the community. Experiencing life in the body of Christ is the best way to learn what the gospel is all about. Here are two key opportunities:

- **Sunday Service Schedule:** At many churches, opportunities for personal involvement are limited. At CRC, however, we take a very different approach; we invite anyone who considers CRC their "church home" to serve and participate in the life of the body. One of the practical ways that we do this is to schedule every individual or family for a "service Sunday" approximately twice every three months in order to assist the leaders in each of the various responsibilities (i.e. setup and takedown for the worship service, greeting, and the children's ministries). Through this service rotation, we are not only working to accomplish these tasks, but also learning what it means to live together as the "family of God". Contact the church office for more information.
- **Community Groups:** It is our belief and experience that a servant-hearted community is the essential fruit that grows from believing the gospel. "Christianity means community through Jesus Christ and in Jesus Christ" (Dietrich Bonhoeffer). Therefore, the backbone of CRC is a network of small groups, each designed to be a mini-Christian community. Comprised of 8 to 14 people, they meet regularly during the week. Trained leaders who are given on-going support lead each group. The groups are open to both believers and seekers—to anyone who wishes to grow in their understanding and experience of the gospel. Through Bible study, prayer and serving others, participants are able to come to know and to experience life in Christ for themselves, at their own pace. If you would like to join a group, please contact the church office or ask a friend if you can attend theirs. If you consider CRC your "church home", you should make faithful participation in one of these groups a top priority.

Desiring To Become a Member: At CRC we take church membership very seriously. For a person to be a follower of Christ, we feel it is necessary to be committed to a local church. If you have been a Christian for a long time but are new to CRC or if you have recently become a Christian, and would like to become a member, join us for our "Introduction to CRC" seminar that runs periodically, contact the church office or one of our elders (listed on page 10).

Desiring To Lead And Serve Others: God calls many to be not merely faithful members in His church but also to serve the church through leadership. If you have traveled the path outlined above but are still looking for something more, we'd love to talk to you about opportunities for developing leadership skills and serving.

CRC FINANCIAL UPDATES

	2026 Budget	2026 Actual	2025 Actual	MISSIONS GIVING
Last Month	\$85,500	\$60,636	\$64,408	2025 EOY: \$220,305
Year to Date	\$769,500	\$555,868	\$585,303	2026 YTD: \$150,689
				Updates as of 9/30/26

CONTACT FORM

Please use this section to inform us of your contact information or fill it out online christredeemerchurch.org/contact-card

PLEASE PRINT and deposit in the offering box at the entrance (check all boxes that apply)

- ☐ I would like more information on CRC
☐ I am interested in opportunities for involvement
☐ I am updating my information
☐ I am a college student ☐ graduate student
☐ I would like to talk to someone about becoming a Christian

Name (PLEASE PRINT) Mr./ Mrs./ Ms./ Miss

Spouse/Children

Address: mailing or street

City/State/Zip

Home/Cell Phone

Work Phone

Email Address

Community Group Sign up:

Community Groups meet throughout the Upper Valley and include worship, Bible study, fellowship, prayer and mission. Fill out the form above, and drop it in the offering box. We will contact you about group availability.

Days of the week that work best with your schedule

Prayer Request, Comment or Question:

AN AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

Adopted by Converge Worldwide (Baptist General Conference) in 1951

- 1. The Word of God:** We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- 2. The Trinity:** We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons, that these are equal in every divine perfection, and that they execute distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence and redemption.
- 3. God the Father:** We believe in God, the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of each person, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.
- 4. Jesus Christ:** We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal visible return to earth.
- 5. The Holy Spirit:** We believe in the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ, and that He is an abiding helper, teacher and guide.
- 6. Regeneration:** We believe that all people are sinners by nature and by choice and are, therefore, under condemnation. We believe that those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit.
- 7. The Church:** We believe in the universal church, a living spiritual body of which Christ is the head and all regenerated persons are members. We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible confession of faith, and associated for worship, work and fellowship. We believe that God has laid upon the members of the local church the primary task of giving the gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world.
- 8. Christian Conduct:** We believe that Christians should live for the glory of God and the well-being of others; that their conduct should be blameless before the world; that they should be faithful stewards of their possessions; and that they should seek to realize for themselves and others the full stature of maturity in Christ.
- 9. The Ordinances:** We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the local church: baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water into the name of the triune God. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ for commemoration of His death. We believe that these two ordinances should be observed and administered until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 10. Religious Liberty:** We believe that every human being has direct relations with God, and is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith; that each church is independent and must be free from interference by any ecclesiastical or political authority; that therefore Church and State must be kept separate as having different functions, each fulfilling its duties free from dictation or patronage of the other.
- 11. Church Cooperation:** We believe that local churches can best promote the cause of Jesus Christ by cooperating with one another in a denominational organization. Such an organization, whether a regional or district conference, exists and functions by the will of the churches. Cooperation in a conference is voluntary and may be terminated at any time. Churches may likewise cooperate with interdenominational fellowships on a voluntary basis.
- 12. The Last Things:** We believe in the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and the establishment of His kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the eternal felicity of the righteous, and the endless suffering of the wicked.