

**CHRIST
THE REDEEMER**
-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
June 21, 2026

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]

CALL TO WORSHIP

[L] There is none like you, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.

[P] **All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.
For you are great and do wondrous things,
you alone are God.**

Psalm 86:8-10

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

[P] **O God, you, and you only, are King of kings and Lord of lords; immortal and all-knowing, never lacking power and wisdom. You are strong; and you are good! Therefore, we joyously and reverently call you God and King. And yet, in spite of all we know of you – we are stubborn and rebellious still. We think ourselves wise – disregarding your truth. We think ourselves strong – using violence to force our will. We think ourselves right –writing-off others and refusing to learn from them. We think ourselves good – ignoring our corruption and evil; pointing fingers and wagging tongues at others. Forgive our arrogant minds, self-centered hearts and ungracious spirits. Take away our hearts of stone; replace them with hearts of flesh, hearts that long after your own heart.**

In these moments of silence, hear us confess, forgive and free us, Lord.

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.

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

SONG

LIVING HOPE

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

SPEAK O LORD

G O D S P E A K S

[W O R D]

S C R I P T U R E

[found on **pages 44-45** in the pew Bible]

Exodus 3:13—4:17 ESV

Read by Fran Rodenburg

3¹³ Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I am has sent me to you.’” ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations. ¹⁶ Go and gather the elders of Israel together and say to them, ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, “I have observed you and what has been done to you in Egypt, ¹⁷ and I promise that I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, a land flowing with milk and honey.’” ¹⁸ And they will listen to your voice, and you and the elders of Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and say to him, ‘The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us; and now, please let us go a three days’ journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.’ ¹⁹ But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless compelled by a mighty hand. ²⁰ So I will stretch out my hand and strike Egypt with all the wonders that I will do in it; after that he will let you go. ²¹ And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and when you go, you shall not go empty, ²² but each woman shall ask of her neighbor, and any woman who lives in her house, for silver and gold jewelry, and for clothing. You shall put them on your sons and on your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians.”

Moses Given Powerful Signs

4 Then Moses answered, “But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, ‘The Lord did not appear to you.’” **2** The Lord said to him, “What is that in your hand?” He said, “A staff.” **3** And he said, “Throw it on the ground.” So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent, and Moses ran from it. **4** But the Lord said to Moses, “Put out your hand and catch it by the tail”—so he put out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand— **5** “that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.” **6** Again, the Lord said to him, “Put your hand inside your cloak.” And he put his hand inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous like snow. **7** Then God said, “Put your hand back inside your cloak.” So he put his hand back inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, it was restored like the rest of his flesh. **8** “If they will not believe you,” God said, “or listen to the first sign, they may believe the latter sign. **9** If they will not believe even these two signs or listen to your voice, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground, and the water that you shall take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground.”

10 But Moses said to the Lord, “Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue.” **11** Then the Lord said to him, “Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? **12** Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak.” **13** But he said, “Oh, my Lord, please send someone else.” **14** Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses and he said, “Is there not Aaron, your brother, the Levite? I know that he can speak well. Behold, he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. **15** You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you both what to do. **16** He shall speak for you to the people, and he shall be your mouth, and you shall be as God to him. **17** And take in your hand this staff, with which you shall do the signs.”

[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:
LEAVING EGYPT, FINDING HOME

Sermon:
FEAR AND THE GOD WHO CALLS

Rev. Sean J.S. Roberts
Lead Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A #'s 1-3

[L] What is the chief end of man?

[P] **Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.**

[L] What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

[P] **The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.**

[L] What do the Scriptures principally teach?

[P] **The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

SONG

DOXOLOGY [OLD 100TH]

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 follow the directions given by the pastor in how to come to the front to receive the elements and then return to your seat.*
- *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 as you leave today. Thank you!*

WORDS OF INVITATION & INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

SONG

CHRIST THE TRUE AND BETTER

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]

RESPONSES OF JOY

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND RESOURCES

[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

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

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

[L] May God make you “worthy of your calling and fulfill every desire of goodness and work of faith with power, that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

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

[L] Go now, and be a diverse people who, having gathered around the table of God's grace, extend his grace to others. Amen.

HIGHLIGHTS

June 21, 2026

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📅 ON THE CALENDAR

SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

*Sundays, June 21 – August 9
9 AM in The Commons*

As you heard at the end of our Liturgy Sermon Series, God has made us to sing to him. And to that end, one of the greatest gifts he has given us is the Book of Psalms. This collection of ancient Hebrew poetry is timeless in its relatability and reliability to direct us to bring the full range of our emotions before the Lord.

Come, join us for this 8-week summer study taught by our interns. The Psalms are a rich treasury of God's word and we will learn how each of these songs points us to God through Christ.

NOTE: We will **NOT** meet for class on *Sunday, July 5*.

🌸 LADIES' DROP-IN

***THURSDAY, JUNE 25 – 5:00 PM | The Bramhall, 769 Congress St,
Portland***

Join the women of CTR for a relaxed evening together at The Bramhall on Thursday, June 25 at 5:00 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with other women in our church community, whether you're new or have been part of CTR for years. Come enjoy good food and drink, conversation, and the chance to build new friendships.

Feel free to invite a friend to join you—this is an easy and welcoming space to gather, laugh, and get to know one another better. We hope you'll come and be part of it!

📅 ON THE CALENDAR

THE BROADAWAY'S AT CTR

SUNDAY, JUNE 28 – 10 AM

Next Sunday [June 28] we are delighted to welcome our missionaries, *James and Kelly Broadaway and family*, who serve with Campus Outreach in South Africa. James will open God's Word for us during the morning worship service and also share an update on how the Lord is at work through their ministry.

Following the 10:00 AM service, please join us in The Commons for a reception with refreshments. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet or reacquaint yourselves with the Broadaway family, encourage them, and learn more about their work in South Africa.



🚫 CTR @ THE PORTLAND SEA DOGS

FRIDAY, JULY 17 – | Hadlock Field, 271 Park Ave., Portland

Join CTR at the Portland Sea Dogs game on July 17th! They will be playing the Somerset Patriots and plan to stick around after the game for a fabulous fireworks show! Buy your discounted tickets through the QR code before the deadline of **July 3!**



Gates open at 4:30 pm - gametime is 6:20 pm.

📅 ON THE CALENDAR

🏆 FCA POWER CAMP

MON-THURS, JULY 20-23 – 9:00 AM-12:30 PM | Presumpscot Park, Portland

We are excited to partner again this summer with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to host an unforgettable camp experience for kids in our city!

FCA Camp 2026 runs **July 20–23, 9 am–12:30 pm**, at **Presumpscot Park** (next to Deering High School in Portland) for **kids ages 5–13**. It will be four fun-filled days of sports and spiritual growth!

We're looking for people willing to serve in any of the following roles:

Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Teachers, Huddle Leaders, General Volunteers, Registration Volunteers, Greeters, Junior Camp Volunteers (younger helpers), Games Team, Post-Camp Dinner Team (help with the volunteer appreciation dinner on July 24), Provide Baked Goods or Coffee for Parents at Check-in



You don't need to be an athlete- just someone who cares about kids and wants to make a difference for the Kingdom. Whether you can serve all four days or just one, your help matters!

Parents, Sign up your kids for Power Camp!

Do your kids love sports? Do you want them to grow in confidence, character, and faith this summer? Send them to FCA Power Camp!



SIGN UP YOUR KIDS HERE

Campers will receive great coaching in one of the following sports: Basketball, Football, Softball, Baseball, Soccer



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.



TO
PLEDGE
ONLINE

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.

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

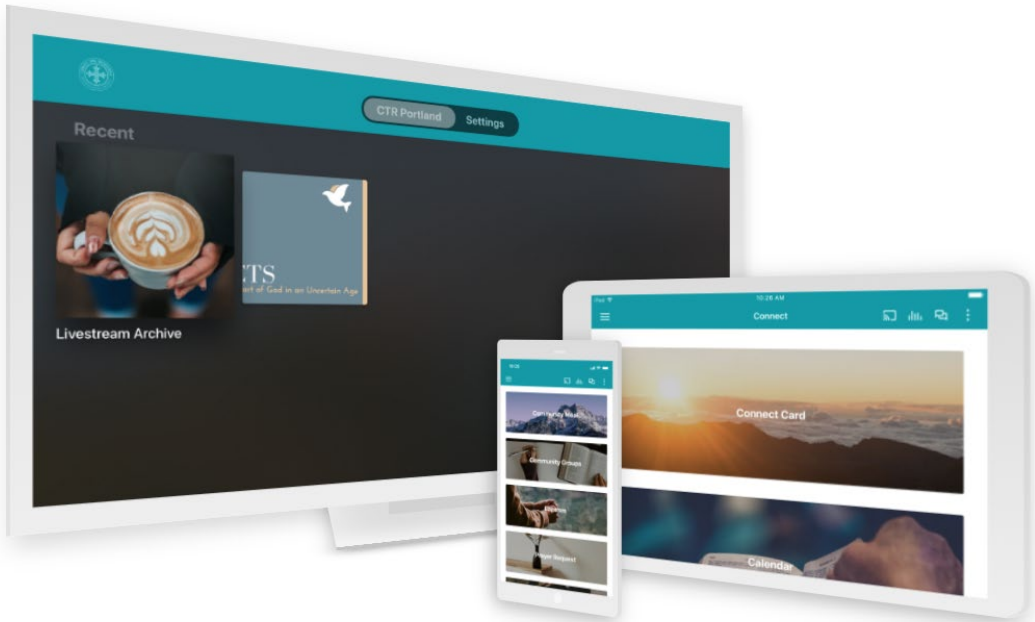
Both mediums are designed to be primarily outward facing.

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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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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