

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

June 11, 2006

*The Lord's Day*<sup>1</sup>

### Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Reverend Douglas D. Warren

*A Word About Worship and this time of Preparation: We have the incredible privilege of coming into the presence of the living God. Please take a few moments now to silently prepare your heart. As others around you are in prayer and contemplation, please consider their need for quiet.*

*A Note to Parents: There is a **nursery** available at your discretion throughout the service. Please ask one of the greeters if you need help finding your way. There is also a class called **Kids' Quest** for children (3 and up) during the sermon. Children are welcome to come forward during communion to be prayed for by the pastor, but should not partake of communion until they have professed their faith publicly and been approved by the session.*

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE REDEEMER

**Prelude** "Romance" *J. Sibelius*<sup>2</sup>

**\*Call to Worship** *Psalm 86*

Minister: We will praise you, O Lord our God, with all our whole hearts; we will glorify your name forever. For you have delivered us from the power of death.

**All: Bring joy to your servants, O Lord, for to you we lift up our souls. There is none like you; no deeds can compare with yours.**

Minister: All the nations you have made will come and worship before you. They will bring glory to your name, for you alone are God.

**All: Teach us now your way, O Lord, and we will live in your truth. Give us undivided hearts that we may fear and praise your great name.**

**\*Song of Exultation** (100) "Holy, Holy, Holy" *NICAEA*

**Prayer of Adoration** *(concluded by praying together):* Mr. Jim Mansfield

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy 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 Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

## REPENTING TOGETHER BY GOD'S GRACE

**Scriptural Call to Repentance** Matthew 16: 6 Rev. Per Almquist

"Be careful," Jesus said to them. "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." *Lord protect us against the false teachings of the liberals and conservatives who would tempt us to believe in another gospel other than Yours.*

**Song of Preparation** (Insert) "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" *K. Medema*<sup>3</sup>

**Corporate Confession** Psalm 51 Rev. Almquist

Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is

ever before me. Against You, You only, I have sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak, and blameless when you judge. Amen.

**Silent Reflection/Confession** *Please take a few moments to pray privately*

**Proclamation of Forgiveness** Psalm 130 Rev. Almquist

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption. He Himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

**\*Song of Renewal** (164) "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" *Glaser*

**\*The Peace of God** *This is an opportunity to extend the grace of Christ to one another.*

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you!

**People: And also with you!**

**Prayers for Christ's Church and the World** Rev. Warren  
*Praise Requests*

**Greeting and Announcements** Miss Margaret Pearson

Children ages 3-9 are excused to **Kids' Quest** at this time.

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

**\*Psalm** (Insert) "Clap Your Hands" *Owens*<sup>4</sup>

**\*Scripture Reading** (insert) Matthew 6:5-13 Jake & Monique Paris

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**The Sermon** "Thy Kingdom Come" The Object of Prayer Rev. Almquist  
*Lord Teach Us to Pray*

**The Offertory** "Fairest Lord Jesus" *arr. L. Evans*<sup>5</sup>

**\*Affirmation of Faith** The Westminster Shorter Catechism<sup>6</sup>

Minister: What is the chief end of man?

**People: Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.**

Minister: What rule has God given to direct us in how to glorify and enjoy Him?

**People: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us as to how we may glorify and enjoy Him.**

**\*Gloria Patri** *Greatorex*

Glory be to the Father  
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning

Is now and ever shall be  
World without end.  
Amen. Amen.

## CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

*A Word About Communion: This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, communion is a time to meet with their Savior by faith to be strengthened and renewed as they eat bread and drink wine. All those who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and are at peace with their fellow Christians are welcome to come forward. For those not taking communion, we invite you to consider the prayers found below.*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.<sup>7</sup>

**People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.**

Minister: He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;"

**People: The Lord Almighty is with us; The God of Jacob is our fortress.**

### Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: God lives in a high and holy place,

**People: But also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit,**

Minister: To revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

**People: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

### Approaching the Lord's Table

*Please listen carefully to the minister's explanation of communion.*

*All those who are prepared to come to the Lord's table can come forward. If you are not yet prepared to come, with all the responsibilities that entails, this is a loving environment within which to consider your estate before a holy and merciful God. Please use the prayers below as an aid. Both wine and grape juice are available (juice is in the outer circle of the trays).*

**\*Communion Song** (Insert) "The Lord's Prayer" *Arr. Young*<sup>8</sup>

## COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

**\*Concluding Prayer** Rev. Warren

**\*The Benediction** Jude 24-25 Rev. Warren

Minister: To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forever more.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Postlude** "Sonata No. 84 in D Major" *A. Soler*<sup>9</sup>

*Please stay for a light lunch immediately following the service and the rest of the congregational meeting afterwards.*

<sup>1</sup> Sunday is more than just the first day of the week. Each Sunday is a celebration of Jesus' victory over death in His resurrection Easter Sunday. The Lord of Creation has entered our world and changed everything. Just as God's people rested from work on the last day of the week to commemorate God's creative work, we now rest from worldly concerns on the first day of the week to celebrate His redeeming work.

<sup>2</sup> From Op 24 No. 9, by Jean Sibelius.

<sup>3</sup> **\* Please stand, if you are able. Thank you.**

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<sup>4</sup> Text from Psalm 47:1; para. Jimmy Owens, 1972; harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1986 © 1972, Lexicon Music, Inc. CCLI License No. 1958155.

<sup>5</sup> Music by C. E. Haupt, Arranged by Le Evans.

<sup>6</sup> A catechism is a Question and Answer format for teaching the truths contained in Scripture. The Westminster Shorter Catechism was written in 1647 in England primarily as an aid for teaching children. It has been used by congregations and families in both worship and instruction for the past 350 years.

<sup>7</sup> This communion litany is taken from Psalm 46. The themes of God's presence with us and His power in conquering everything provide us hope. It is only in Him as our fortress that we can know His peace and rest. As we come to His table, let us look together to Him for our strength.

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<sup>9</sup> Postlude by Padre Antonio Soler.

# Reflections

“Jesus came in the flesh not to bring the judgment, but to bear it; not to slay with the sword of his lips, but to receive the nails in his hands and the spear-thrust in his side. In no other way could his kingdom come and God's will be done in earth as in heaven. The kingdom established by grace must be advanced in grace, then consummated in glory. Not by political power, but by the power of the Spirit, is the gospel carried to the nations.”

—Edmund P. Clowney in *The Church*

“The followers of Jesus are to be different, different from both the nominal church and the secular world, different from both the religious and the irreligious. The Sermon on the Mount is the most complete delineation anywhere in the New Testament of the Christian counter-culture. Here is a Christian value-system, ethical standard, religious devotion, attitude to money, ambition, lifestyle, and network of relationships- all of which are totally at variance with those in the non-Christian world. And this Christian counter-culture is the life of the kingdom of God, a fully human life indeed but lived out under divine rule.”

—John R.W. Stott in *The Message of the Sermon on the Mount*

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

*If you would like to use this time to speak silently to God,  
we hope that the prayers below will be a help to you.*

### 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.

**Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church exists to  
Worship Christ in Community,  
As We Celebrate and Extend His Grace  
to Portland, New England, and the world.**

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a denomination committed to the historic Christian faith.

Musicians: Matthew & Sharie Pillsbury, vocalists: Sara Sturdivant, piano.  
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Jim Mansfield.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

# Highlights.....June 11, 2006

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Today

Please stay for refreshments after the service and get better acquainted with one another.

### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held on August 7-11 this year. Start now to talk to your friends and neighbors about this special week. This is a great opportunity to reach out to share Christ with the families we know. We will be having a mission team from Crossroads Presbyterian Church coming to help us this year. If you can participate in some way let us know at the church office.

### Congregational Meeting

Today we are having a congregational meeting to discuss our pursuit of a ministry center, church-planting plans with Per, and our annual business. The meeting begins at 9:00 am and goes to 10:15 and will resume again after the Worship service and refreshments. A light lunch is being served as a part of the refreshments time and childcare is being provided throughout the meetings. All members please attend if at all possible.

### Root Cellar Dinner

June 29<sup>th</sup> we will be the host church to serve dinner at the Root Cellar. There are sign up sheets on the rear table. Please support this outreach ministry here in Portland. This is an opportunity to donate food items and to serve the meal and visit with the neighbors of the Root Cellar. We will also lead in the sing along time. For this we need vocalists and musicians. Let us know if you can help in any way. Any questions see Joanne Crosby. - **See sign up sheets are in the back.**

### Dates to Remember

CTR Prayer Meetings	Park Avenue Church of God, Fridays, <b>6:30-7:30 am</b>
Session Meetings (monthly)	First Tuesday night 6:00-9:00, Third Friday morning 6:30-9:00
Root Cellar Dinner	June 29, 2006
Cookout at Crosby's Home- <b>all are invited</b>	July 4, 2006
Vacation Bible School	August 7-11, 2006
Church Retreat	September 22 & 23, 2006

## SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
<b>Set Up</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week
<b>Food</b>	Team	Team
<b>Usher</b>		
<b>Nursery</b>	Wendy & Kaylie Stewart	Doug & Gwen Tedder
<b>Kid's Q</b>	Linda & Noah Southwick	Steve & Katya Harmon
<b>Sound</b>	Jordan Stewart	Eric Scribellito
<b>Prayer</b>	Jim Mansfield	Robert Crosby

**Finances:** Last week our collection was \$5,306.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

## MINISTRY STAFF

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**Service at Breakwater School 856 Brighton Ave Portland, ME. @ 10:30 AM**



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