

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

July 9, 2006

*The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost<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** "Immortal, Invisible" *arr. J. Sanborn*

**\*Call to Worship** *First Timothy 1:14-17*

Minister: The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

**All: Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the worst.**

Minister: But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life.

**All: Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

**\*Song of Exultation** (38) "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise" *JOANNA*

**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** Revelation 4:8 and Acts 2:17-21 Rev. Almquist

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come. Who can stand before Him? He says, "All who call upon the name of the Lord will be delivered."

**Song of Preparation** "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" *Medema<sup>2</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.

**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.

### SHARING HIS PEACE

**\*Song of Renewal** (Insert) "Soon and Very Soon" *Crouch<sup>3</sup>*

**\*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** Mrs. Sharie Pillsbury

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

### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

**\*Psalm** (92) "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"/Psalm 46 *Luther*

**\*Scripture Reading** (insert) Matthew 6:9-15 Jake & Monique Paris

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**The Sermon** "Lead Us Not": Strength in Weakness Rev. Almquist  
*Lord Teach Us To Pray*

**The Offertory** "All Creatures of Our God and King" *arr. J. Sanborn*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** The Westminster Shorter Catechism<sup>4</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>5</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>6</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** "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" *arr. J. Sanborn*

<sup>1</sup> The Church calendar can be a helpful tool in ordering our lives according to the reality of the gospel. The current season of the year is the time "after Pentecost" referring to the festival established by God for covenant renewal. It was in this context that the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Church that our whole lives might be an acceptable sacrifice through the work of Christ.

\* **Please stand, if you are able. Thank you.**

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<sup>4</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>5</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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# Reflections

"I find it most true, that the greatest temptation out of hell is to live without temptations. If my waters should stand, they would rot. Faith is the better of the free air, and of the sharp winter storm in its face. Grace withereth without adversity. The devil is but God'smaster fencer, to teach us to handle our weapons." - Samuel Rutherford *Letters*

"Corrie Ten Boom was a woman of strong faith and a radiant face. Why? Not because she had not suffered, but because she had, and had responded to that suffering (in a concentration camp during World War II) with *trust*. Learning the depth of human helplessness and weakness, she turned to her "strong tower" and He was faithful to His promises...."Oh, I could never have survived," we say. Well, we were not asked to. But we could have if the Lord had allowed us to be put in her position, and if we had responded as Corrie did, looking to Him for the next grace. I mean, of course, that we could have survived spiritually. The body they may kill, but so what? In other words, *fear God and become fearless*. Nothing in heaven or earth or hell can scare you then."

- Elizabeth Elliot

## 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.

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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; Mike Marchand, bass; Nate Marchand, percussion; Sara Sturdivant, piano.

Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Jim Mansfield.

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# Highlights.....July 9, 2006

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Today

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

### Summer Camps

Vacation Bible School and Sports Camp will be held 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. Please let us know how you can participate at the church office.

### Taking Gathered Worship Home

Please pick up one of the handouts to use this week in your private or family devotionals.

### New Church Directory

New Church Directories are available on the greeter table. Get one for your family today.

### Opportunities All Around

What are your goals for this summer? What are some ways that you can serve others as Christ would have us to do? What if you made a few goals and asked a Christian brother or sister to help you pray for the opportunity to do them?

### Dates to Remember

CTR Prayer Meetings  
Session Meetings (*monthly*)  
NNE Presbytery Meeting-Exeter NH  
CTR Summer Camps  
Church Retreat

Park Avenue Church of God, Fridays, **6:30-7:30 am**  
*First and Third Tuesday nights* 6:00-9:00  
July 15, 2006  
August 7-11, 2006  
September 22 & 23, 2006

## SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
<b>Set Up</b>	Week Two	Week Three
<b>Food</b>	Team	Team
<b>Usher</b>		
<b>Nursery</b>	Wendy & Kaylie Stewart	Doug & Gwen Tedder
<b>Kid's Q</b>	Paula & Alison Marchand	Steve & Katya Harmon
<b>Sound</b>	Jordan Stewart	Eric Scribellito
<b>Prayer</b>	Jim Mansfield	Robert Crosby

**Finances:** Last week our collection was \$2,394.07. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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