

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

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### 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

#### \*Call to Worship

Psalm 95 and 133

Rev. Warren

Minister: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

**All: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained His blessing, life forevermore.**

Minister: Come let us all worship and bow down together, let us kneel together before the Lord, our maker.

**All: For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.**

#### \*Song of Exultation (343)

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

*Purcell*

#### Prayer of Adoration

*(concluded by praying together):*

Mr Richard Kurtz

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

#### Song of Preparation

“I Lift My Eyes Up”

*Doerksen*<sup>1</sup>

I lift my eyes up to the mountains.  
Where does my help come from?  
My help comes from You,  
Maker of heaven, Creator of the earth.

Oh, how I need You, Lord.  
You are my only hope.  
You're my only prayer;  
So, I will wait for You  
To come and rescue me.  
Come and give me life.

I lift my eyes up to the mountains. Where does my help come from?

#### Scriptural Call to Repentance

Hebrews 4:14-16

Rev. Warren

Knowing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need. *In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.*

### Corporate Confession

Rev. Warren

Gracious Lord, we confess now that we dishonor You in our words and thoughts and deeds. Depending on our own strength we stumble; proclaiming our own goodness, we sin; glorying in our own righteousness we corrupt everything we touch. Turning our faces from You, Lord, we desire the things of this world to satisfy us. We pray now, Lord, for You to forgive all of our many sins; to cleanse the darkness from our lives, and to turn our faces and our hearts back towards You. We pray these things in the name of Your most precious son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Silent Reflection/Confession

*Please take a few moments to pray privately*

### Proclamation of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1

Rev. Warren

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

#### \*Song of Renewal (642)

“Be Thou My Vision”

*Traditional Irish melody*

#### \*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!**

### Extending Christ's Grace

Evan Pillsbury-IV/Imago Dei

### Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

*Praise*

*Requests*

Rev. Warren

### Greeting and Announcements

Mrs. Joanne Crosby

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

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

#### \*Psalm 99 (47)

“God the Lord is King”

*Wood*

#### \*Scripture Reading (insert)

John 17: 20-23

Mr. Nathan Pillsbury

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### The Sermon

“The Unfolding Tapestry of Redemption”  
**Overcoming the World through Prayer**

Rev. Warren

### The Offertory

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed<sup>2</sup>

Minister: Christian, what is it that we believe?

**People: 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<sup>3</sup> 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.**

#### \*Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3

*Prince*<sup>4</sup>

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts (*sing 2x*)

The whole earth is full of His Glory (*sing 3x*)

Holy is the Lord

## 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: Behold, the Lamb of God<sup>5</sup>

**People: Who takes away the sin of the world!**

### Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: Believe in the Lord, and give Him eternal praise and thanks!

**People: Lord Christ, help us to believe in You and always give You thanks and praise.**

Minister: Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.

**People: This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast.**

Minister: Christ said, “I am the bread of life.”

**People: He is our portion and our life.**

### Approaching Christ's Communion Together

*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)

“In Christ There is No East or West” *Afro-American Spiritual*<sup>6</sup>

#### \*Concluding Prayer

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## COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

#### \*The Benediction

Second Corinthians 13:14

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Minister: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

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

### Postlude

*Please stay for some refreshments and get to know someone you don't already know.*

<sup>3</sup> The term “catholic” here means universal and does not mean any particular denomination.

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<sup>5</sup> This communion litany is based on the one used in Strassburg, Switzerland in the dawning of the Protestant Reformation. The Scriptural quotations are from Hebrews and the Gospel of John.

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

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<sup>2</sup> The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.

