

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

October 22, 2006

*The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

### 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<sup>1</sup>

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Rev. Warren

Minister: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

**All: Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.**

Minister: These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.

**All: We will impress them on our children talking about them when we sit at home, when we walk along the road, when we lie down, and when we get up.**

**\*Song of Exultation** (Insert) “O Day of Rest and Gladness” *Matt and Beth Redman*<sup>2</sup>

**Prayer of Adoration** *(concluded by praying together):*

Rev. Per Almquist

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

First John 1:8-9

Rev. Warren

God’s Word warns us, “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” It also provides the wonderful truth found only in Christ saying, “If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

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

### Corporate Confession

Luther<sup>4</sup>

O Lord, merciful and mighty, we unworthy sinners, come to Thee in humble repentance and confess how we have transgressed Your holy Law. We are guilty of sins of omission and commission, evil thoughts, improper words, and wrong deeds. Forgive our iniquity and short-comings for the sake of the suffering and death of our Savior Jesus Christ. Let His obedience cover our disobedience, let His righteousness atone for our unrighteousness. Great God and Helper, You alone can forgive. With all our hearts we thank You for Your boundless mercy. Grant us grace with which we

might accept Your gift of forgiveness with true faith and look upon the word of pardon as a message coming from You, assuring us and consoling our hearts before You. Let us treasure Your forgiveness and freely extend it to others by the power of Your resurrection. We pray in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

### Proclamation of Forgiveness

Jeremiah 33:8

Rev. Warren

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

**\*Song of Renewal** (498) “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!” *HYFRYDOL*

**\*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

### Greeting and Announcements

Mrs. Joanne Crosby

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

## PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

**\*Scripture Reading** (Page 133) Deuteronomy 14:1-29 Mr. Jim Mansfield

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### The Sermon

“Feasting in the Presence of the Lord”

Rev. Warren

**God is our Covenant-Keeping King**<sup>5</sup>

### The Offertory

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism<sup>6</sup>

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**People: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

Minister: What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

**People: Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.**

#### \*Creed Song

Rev 4 & 5

*Dudley-Smith*<sup>7</sup>

Heavenly hosts in ceaseless worship

Holy, holy, holy’ cry;

He who is, who was and will be,

God Almighty, Lord most high.

Praise and honour, power and glory,

Be to him who reigns alone;

We, with all his hands have fashioned,

Fall before the Father’s throne.

All creation, all redemption,

Join to sing the Saviour’s worth;

Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us

Kings and priests, to reign on earth.

Wealth and wisdom, power and glory,

Honour, might, dominion, praise,

Now be his from all his creatures

And to everlasting days.

## 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 Christ by faith to be strengthened and renewed as they eat bread and drink wine. All those who trust in Jesus 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 participating, we invite you to consider the prayers found below.*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: God spoke these words, and said, “I am the Lord thy God:<sup>8</sup>

**People: You shall have no other gods before Me.**

Minister: You shall not make for yourself any graven image . . . you shall not bow down to them nor serve them: for I the Lord your God am a jealous God.

**People: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that takes His name in vain.**

Minister: Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy.

**People: Honor your father and mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.**

Minister: You shall not kill.

**People: You shall not commit adultery.**

Minister: You shall not steal.

**People: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

Minister: You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**All: Lord, have mercy on us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

### Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: We come to this table as lawbreakers.

**People: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

Minister: We come to this table as the holy people of God.

**People: Jesus the righteous One has made us a holy nation, God’s own people.**

### Drawing Near in Community of Faith

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

*All those who are prepared to come to the Lord’s table may 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 Christ’s claims. 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).*

#### \*CommunionSong

“We Bow Down”

*Paris*<sup>9</sup>

You are Lord of creation

And Lord of my life,

Lord of the land and the sea.

You were Lord of the heavens

Before there was time,

And Lord of all lords You will be!

We bow down and we worship You, Lord. (3x)

Lord of all lords You will be!

You are King of creation

And King of my life,

King of the land and the sea.

You were King of the heavens

Before there was time,

And King of all kings You will be!

We bow down and we worship You, Lord. (3x)

King of all kings You will be!

We bow down and we worship You, Lord. (3x)

Lord of all lords you will be!

## COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

### \*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Warren

### \*The Benediction

John 14:27

Minister: Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

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

### Postlude

<sup>8</sup> The Ten Commandments remind us of God’s call for us to be a holy people and our desperate need for Christ. May He strengthen us to walk in the light as He is in the light.

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<sup>1</sup> The “Shema” is recited twice daily in Judaism. The name is from its first Hebrew word which means “listen.”

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

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<sup>4</sup> Adapted from the Lutheran Book of Prayer.

<sup>5</sup> This series is on the book of *Deuteronomy*. Be sure to get your copy of *Taking Gathered Worship Home* at the back table or on-line.

<sup>6</sup> Catechisms are a question and answer format used for teaching in the church. The Heidelberg Catechism was written in 1563 and approved by the Church at the Synod of Dort (1618-1619).

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## Reflections

“We must be willing to come in and eat with publicans and sinners if we are to sit down at heaven’s feast.”  
— Edmund P. Clowney

“Celebration is worshiping God with our bodies, with the material creation He has set up around us. Celebrating—whether in feasts, ceremonies, holidays, formal worship, or lovemaking— are all part of obeying God’s command to ‘love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength’ (Deut. 6:5; Mk. 12:30). We are to show our love for God not just with one portion of our being, the spiritual aspect; we are to love God with our whole body, heart and strength and legs and lips.  
“Complaint is the flag of ingratitude, and it waves at the center of unbelieving hearts— ‘although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful’ (Rom. 1:25). Yet by grace, God’s redemption and creation ought to keep us in a perpetual state of thanks which bursts out in celebration at every opportunity.”

—Douglas Wilson

### 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: David Stewart, vocalist; Jake Paris, hand percussion; Ron Johnson, piano.  
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Per Almquist.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

## Highlights.....October 22, 2006

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Today

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

#### Reformation Sunday

We will be joining together for a special evening service on October 29<sup>th</sup> with the congregation of Second Parish Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 32 Neal St Portland. The service will be at 6:00 pm. The speaker that evening will be Rev. Stephen Tracey.

#### Walk-a-thon

On **November 4<sup>th</sup>**, ABBA, A Women's Resource Center will be holding a fundraising walk at Back Bay in Portland. Please see Crystal Kepler for your pledge forms or call her at 636-7535.

#### Baby Shower

Ladies of CTR, you are invited to a baby shower in honor of Sarah Russell to be held Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. We will gather after morning worship, from 1-3 p.m., at the home of Gwen Tedder, 25 Longwood Terrace. For more information or to RSVP, contact Kristen Warren at 797-6384 or Kristen.Warren@MainePCA.org.

#### Dates to Remember

CTR Prayer Meetings  
Session Meetings (*monthly*)

Park Avenue Church of God, Fridays, **6:30-7:30 am**  
*First and Third Tuesday nights 6:00-9:00*

### SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Set Up</b>	Pillsbury	5 <sup>th</sup> Week
<b>Food</b>	Team	Team
<b>Usher</b>		
<b>Nursery</b>	Becca Ballada & Margaret Pearson	_____
<b>Kid's Q</b>	Kathryn Pillsbury	Sarah & Katherine Cosgrove
<b>Sound</b>	Jordan Stewart	Jordan Stewart
<b>Prayer</b>	Per Almquist	_____

Finances: Last week our collection was \$6,025.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

### MINISTRY STAFF

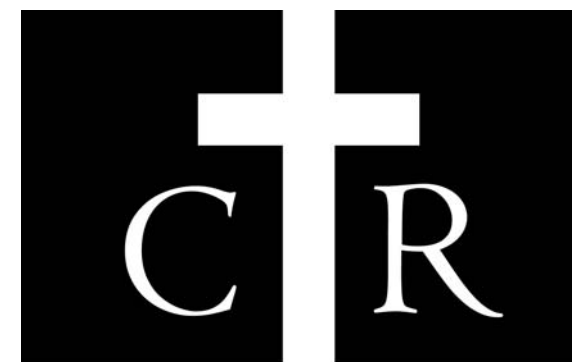
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Service at Breakwater School 856 Brighton Ave Portland, ME. @ 10:30 AM  
Sunday School for all ages at 9:15



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