

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

November 5, 2006

*The Lord's Day*¹

Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Reverend Per Almquist

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 "We Gather Together" *arr. Rene Frank*

***Call to Worship** Isaiah 6 Rev. Almquist

Minister: I saw the Lord, seated on a throne, high and exalted,

All: And the train of his robe filled the temple.

Minister: Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: with two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

All: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

***Hymn of Exultation** (92) "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" *Luther*

Prayer of Adoration *(concluded by praying together):* Mr. Doug Tedder

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 Rev. Warren

***Song of Preparation** "Isaiah 43" Anonymous

1. When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you.
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are Mine.

2. When you pass through the fire,
You'll not be burned.
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are Mine.

Chorus Men:
For I am the Lord your God
I am the Lord your God
I am the Holy One of Israel,
Your Saviour. *(repeat)*

Women:
I am the Lord your God.

I am the Holy One of Israel,
Your Saviour *(repeat)*

I am the Lord. (3X)

Do not fear. (3X)

I am the Lord. *(Together last time)*

Corporate Confession Rev. Warren

Holy Father, we long to have you change our hearts. We confess to You that we do not obey You as we should. We love little, speak not the truth, harbor resentment, and leave the oppressed with no defender. We break Your holy law, leave undone what You command, and delight in what You have forbidden. Merciful Lord, we humbly ask that You would forgive us and change our hearts. Conform us to the image of Your Son. Holy Spirit, work in us we pray, that we might be like You.

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

Proclamation of Forgiveness Hebrews 2:18 Rev. Warren

Because Jesus Himself suffered when He was tempted,
He is able to help those who are being tempted.

***Song of Renewal** (172) "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder" *Gesangbuch*

***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. Terry Cosgrove

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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

***Scripture Reading** (page 137) Deuteronomy 17:1-23 Mr. Brian Cosgrove

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon "The Purity and Peace of God's People"
God is our Covenant-Keeping King² Rev. Warren

The Offertory "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" *Robert Jackson*

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed³

Minister: Christian, what do we believe?

People: We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic⁴ church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

² 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.

³ The Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of the teachings of the apostles. Originally used as a baptismal confession in the second century, it was developed into its current form by the sixth or seventh century.

⁴ The term "catholic" is used here in its generic sense of the universal church, not to refer to a denomination.

***Doxology** *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Alleluia, alleluia

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Oh, praise Him, Oh, praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world,

People: Have mercy upon us!

Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world,

People: Grant us your peace!

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Approaching the King's Feast

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** (310) "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" *Darwall*

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

***Concluding Prayer** Rev. Warren

***The Benediction** Hebrews 13:20-21 Rev. Warren

Minister: Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

Please enjoy some refreshments and further extend Christ's peace with those here gathered.

¹ Each Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection from the dead by Jesus. His triumph over death is the basis for our hope. The first day of the week now points us forward to the certainty of His return.

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

Reflections

“[Based on surveys, most teenagers today] are likely to describe themselves as moral not because of what they do, but because of how they feel. Because they believe they always try to make the right decision in any situation, most deem themselves to be moral individuals. . . .They have been disgusted by what many of them characterize as the overt greed, human manipulation and emotional emptiness of their parents' lives. They want something better, something purer and something deeper.”

— George Barna

“Conditional obedience is *not* obedience.”

— Timothy J. Keller

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: Eric Mathis, vocalist; David Stewart, trumpet; Beth Almquist, French Horn; Matthew Pillsbury, piano.
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Per Almquist.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....November 5, 2006

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

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

Senior High Class

Nate and Sharie Pillsbury are having the Senior High Sunday School Class over to their home for a lunch and Bible study today. Be sure to bring your book “Growing up Christian”.

Baby Shower

Today the ladies of CTR are getting together for a baby shower in honor of Sarah Russell. It will be held after the morning worship, from 1-3 p.m., at the home of Gwen Tedder, 25 Longwood Terrace. If you have questions see Gwen or Kristen Warren.

Praying for Central Maine Mission

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” (Acts 2:42) There won't be any apostles present, but we will focus on eating and praying. The next prayer meeting to pray for the central Maine church plant will be **Saturday, Nov. 18th at 7:00 PM** in the home of Doug & Gwen Tedder. Come for one hour of prayer for the daughter church in Lewiston and to enjoy some of Beth's home-baked desserts. **Childcare will be provided.** Speak to the Almquists for more details.

Thanksgiving Baskets

We will be helping the Root Cellar provide Thanksgiving baskets for the neighbors in their area. We have a goal to provide 400 1-pound bags of carrots and 65 pumpkin pies. Crystal Kepler is our coordinator and has sign-up sheets on the back table. Help us reach this goal that we might be a blessing to others and that we might bring glory to God as his children.

Dates to Remember

CTR Prayer Meetings Park Avenue Church of God, Fridays, **6:30-7:30 am**
Session Meetings (monthly) First and Third Tuesday nights 6:00-9:00
Christmas Party for CTR Ladies hosted by Sarah Peters-more details to follow. Dec. 13th, 2006

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Woodward	Week Two
Food	Team	Team
Usher		
Nursery	Sarah Peters, _____	Wendy & Kaylie Stewart
Kid's Q	Linda & Dan Southwick	Paula & Alison Marchand
Sound	Jordan Stewart	Jordan Stewart
Prayer	Doug Tedder	Robert Crosby

Finances: Last week our collection was \$4,251.50. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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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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