

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

May 6, 2007

The Lord's Day'

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

“Grave/Vivace”

*A Corelli*²

*Call to Worship

Hebrews 12:22-24, 28-29

Rev. Warren

Minister: You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

All: Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

*Hymn of Exultation (345) “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

Haydn

*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

Isaiah 30:15-18

Rev. Warren

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; He rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is God of justice. Blessed are those who wait for Him!

Song of Preparation (457) “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Nettleton

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

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.

² From Sonata III, Opus 3, No. 3.

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

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 (265)

“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

Mason Neale

*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

Praise

Requests

Rev. Warren

Greeting and Announcements

Mrs. Terry Cosgrove

Children ages 3-6 are excused to **Kids' Quest** at this time.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Scripture Reading (insert)

Acts 18: 23-19:12

Mr. Brian Cosgrove

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

The Reformation of the Church

Rev. Warren

The Essence of the Church

Sermon Series on the Book of Acts

The Offertory

“Largo”

A. Corelli

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed³

Minister: Christian, what do you believe concerning God, the Father?

People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Minister: What do you believe concerning Jesus?

People: I 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.

Minister: Christian, what do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit and His work?

People: I 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.

*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

“There is a Redeemer”

*Green*⁵

1. There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Chorus

Thank You, oh my Father,

For giving us Your Son,

And leaving Your Spirit

"Til the work on earth is done.

3. When I stand in glory, I will see His face,

And there I'll serve my King forever,

In that holy place. *chorus*

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

“Allegro”

A. Corelli

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Reflections

“The church, according to the Scripture, is not a religious club, a voluntary association of like-minded Christians who cultivate friendship and engage in joint projects. It is rather the institution of Christ and of the Spirit, formed by His power and governed by His Word.”

Edmund Clowney, *The Church*

“The glory of the Gospel is that when the Church is absolutely different from the world the invariably attracts it.”

D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

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: Eric Mathis, vocalists; Kathryn Pillsbury, Beth Almquist, violins; Evan Pillsbury, violoncello; Matthew Pillsbury, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Doug Tedder.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....May 6, 2007

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER

Friday Morning Prayer-*Park Ave Church of God-Portland* Fridays at 6:30 AM
Sunday Morning Prayer-*Breakwater School* Sundays at 8:30 AM
Women's Bible Study-*Margaret Pearson-774-0524* *twice monthly* Thursdays at 5:00 PM

Home Fellowship Groups

Casco, Windham, Gray Region-*Robert Crosby-657-2445* *weekly* Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
South Portland-@ *Ballada home-767-6002-teacher Dave Stewart 221-2784* *1st & 3rd* Sundays at 5:30 PM
Gorham-@ *Marchand home-839-9877-teacher Dave Stewart 221-2784* *2nd and 4th* Sundays at 5:30 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

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

New Sunday School Class

A new SS study has begun for teens and adults. For six weeks we will be exploring what is the standard of truth and what we believe concerning Scripture using a video study called *Hath God Said* produced by Ligonier Ministry. Feel free to join this class at any time.

Welcome to Christ the Redeemer Class

This is a class for those wanting to become members or to learn more about CTR. It is being held on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. and will run for four weeks. There will also be an all day class on **Saturday, May 12th** which will cover the same material. Questions? Talk to Pastor Warren.

ABBA Banquet

On May 10th the Community Awareness Fundraising Banquet will be held at Keeley the Katerer 178 Warren Ave Portland. A complimentary dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. and the program will follow. An offering will be taken to benefit the ministry. See Crystal Kepler with questions.

Root Cellar Dinner

Our church will be serving the Thursday night dinner at The Root Cellar on May 17th. A sign up sheet is on the back table. Please consider helping by cooking or buying something for this meal. Also sign up if you would like to help serve the meal and greet the neighbors. Questions should be directed to Joanne Crosby.

Dates to Remember

Session Meetings First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Vacation Bible School July 23-27, 2007
Church Retreat September 21-22, 2007

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

| | This Week | Next Week |
|---------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Set Up | Woodward Team | Guliani Team |
| Nursery | Sarah Peters & Trisha Scribellito | Wendy & Kaylie Stewart |
| Kid's Q | Linda and Noah Southwick | Paula & Alison Marchand |
| Sound | Jordan Stewart | Jordan Stewart |
| Prayer | Doug Tedder | Robert Crosby |

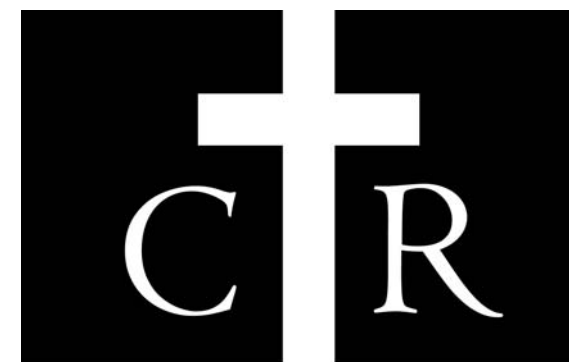
Finances: Last week our collection was \$3,079.50. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

MINISTRY STAFF

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| Douglas Warren | Pastor |
| Per Almquist | Associate Pastor |
| Evan Pillsbury | Musician-in-Residence |
| Joanne Crosby | Office Manager |

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



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