

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

June 10, 2007

*The Lord's Day*¹

Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Reverend David Stewart

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 86

Rev. Stewart

Minister:

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

*Songs of Exultation

“Great is the Lord”

*Smith*³

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| <p>1, 3. Great is the Lord, He is holy and just,
By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord,
He is faithful and true.
By His mercy He proves He is love.</p> | <p>2. Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory.
Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord,
Now lift up your voice,
Now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord. Great is the Lord.</p> |
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- 4.** Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory.
Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are You, Lord,
I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:
Great are You, Lord. Great are You, Lord. *(Repeat)*

“How Majestic is Your Name”

*Smith*²

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.
O Lord, we praise Your name. O Lord, we magnify Your name;
Prince of Peace, Mighty God, Oh Lord God Almighty!

*Prayer of Adoration

(concluded by praying together):

Mr. Robert Crosby

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 55:6-7

Rev. Stewart

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Song of Preparation (42)

“El Shaddai”

Thompson

Corporate Confession

Psalm 51

Rev. Stewart

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy 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, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Amen.

Silent Reflection/Confession

Please take a few moments to pray privately

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Isaiah 57:18-19

Rev. Stewart

“I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will lead him and restore comfort to him and his mourners, creating the fruit of the lips. Peace, peace, to the far and to the near,” says the LORD, “and I will heal him.”

*Song of Renewal (Insert)

“The Wonderful Cross”

*Tomlin, Watts, Walt*³

*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 Grace

Pillsbury Family and Intervarsity

Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

Robert Crosby

We long to pray with and for you. To this end, we encourage any who would like prayer to contact an elder of the church this morning or throughout the week, to fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering, or to contact the church office so that we may be praying for you.

Greeting and Announcements

Mrs. Joanne Crosby

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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Scripture Reading (Pg. 775)

Acts 22:30-23:11

Monique Paris

Reader:

The Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“The Architect of the Church”

Rev. Warren

*Sermon Series on the Book of Acts—***The Essence of the Church**

The Offertory

*Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism⁴

Minister:

How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

People:

Christ executes the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

Minister:

How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

People:

Christ executes the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

Minister:

How does Christ execute the office of a king?

People:

Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

* Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3

*Prince*⁵

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:

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.⁶

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).

Romania Mission Offering

*Communion Song

(Insert)

“The Church's One Foundation”

*Stone/Moss*⁷

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Warren

*The Benediction

Ephesians 6:23-24

Rev. Warren

Minister:

Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

People:

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

¹ Sunday is more than just the first day of the week. Each Sunday is a celebration of Jesus' victory over death in His resurrection Easter Sunday. The Lord of Creation has entered our world and changed everything. Just as God's people rested from work on the last day of the week to commemorate God's creative work, we now rest from worldly concerns on the first day of the week to celebrate His redeeming work.

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

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⁴ 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.

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⁶ 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

“We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God.”
— John Stott

“Dearly beloved
We are gathered here today
2 get through this thing called life”
— Prince, “Let’s Go Crazy”

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: Evan Pillsbury, vocals; Will Kendall, guitar; Jake Paris, hand percussion; Mike Marchand, bass; Johnathan Bauer, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Robert Crosby.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....June 10, 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 9:30 AM
Women’s Bible Study-*Margaret Pearson-774-0524* *call for the Summer Schedule*
Home Fellowship Groups
Casco, Windham, Gray Region-*Robert Crosby-657-2445* *call for the Summer Schedule*
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.

Summer Adult Sunday School

Would you like an opportunity to continue growing in the wisdom and knowledge of our Lord? We will be offering an adult class this summer from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. beginning on July 1 and continuing through August 5. There will be no child care for this class, but all are welcome. The topic is TBD.

Peony Picnic

Come and enjoy each other’s company and the annual heirloom peony bloom at Audubon’s Gilsland Farm, Rt. 1, in Falmouth. Bring a picnic and blanket/chairs, walk the gentle trails on this old saltwater farm, tour the community garden. Bathrooms are available, but no dogs allowed. The tentative date is June 17th following the service, with a rain date of June 24th. Flyers and maps are available on the usher’s table. Questions? See Joan Perkins (799-7674).

VBS/Sports Camp

Our VBS and Soccer Camp will be held July 23-27. A team of 14 folks are coming from Covenant Presbyterian in Fayetteville, GA. They will need us to assist them. The sign up sheet is on the greeter table. Please sign up to help as soon as possible indicating how many days you can attend.

Central Maine Mission

The session shared with us two weeks ago about the support raising that is needed for beginning the daughter church. Don’t forget to turn your pledge card in. Remember that Per has a matching grant which will double the amount of your gift! If you need more information please see Per or one of the other elders. Additional pledge cards are on the greeter table.

Dates to Remember

Session Meetings *First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 PM*
General Assembly (Our denomination’s annual meeting)-Memphis TN June 11-15, 2007
Church Retreat September 21-22, 2007

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Guliani Team	Perkins Team
Nursery	Wendy & Kaylie Stewart	Doug & Gwen Tedder
Kid’s Q	Paula & Alison Marchand	Steve & Katya Harmon
Sound	Jordan Stewart	Jordan Stewart
Prayer	Robert Crosby	Jim Mansfield

Finances: Last week our collection was \$2,646.00 regular offering and \$844.00 for Romania. 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



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