

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

September 23, 2007

The Seventeenth 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 Psalm 102:18-22 Rev. Warren

Minister: Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD: that he looked down from his holy height; from heaven the LORD looked at the earth, to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die, that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD, and in Jerusalem his praise, when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.

***Song of Exultation** (296) “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” *Holden*

***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) “Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul” *Twit/Steele*¹

Corporate Confession Luther²

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.

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

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² Adapted from the Lutheran Book of Prayer.

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** (447) “Be Thou My Vision” *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!*

Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World Rev. Almquist

Greeting and Announcements Ms. Cynthia Setchell

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

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

***Scripture Reading** (Pg. 829) Hebrews 1:5-14 Mr. Jim Mansfield

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Sermon “So Great A Son” Rev. Warren

Sermon Series on the Book of Hebrews

The Life of Faith—Rooted in God’s Promises, Running to the New Jerusalem

The Offertory (Pg 647) “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” *Reinangle*

***Affirmation of Faith** The Heidelberg Catechism³

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*⁴

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:⁵

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 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** (648) “My Jesus, I Love Thee” *Gordon*

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

***Concluding Prayer** Rev. Warren

***The Benediction** 2 Peter 3:18

Minister: Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity.

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

Postlude

⁵ The Ten Commandments have been used in conjunction with the Lord’s Supper for centuries. It is especially appropriate as we understand that it is only through Christ’s sustaining grace that we are able to keep God’s perfect law. May He strengthen us to walk in the light as He is in the light.

Worship is the supreme and only indispensable activity of the Christian Church. It alone will endure...into heaven, when all other activities of the Church will have passed away.

— William Nicholls

I'm always in danger of losing my grip on reality. The reality, of course, is that God is sovereign and Christ is savior. The reality is that prayer is my mother tongue and the eucharist my basic food. The reality is that baptism, not Myers-Briggs, defines who I am. Very often when I leave a place of worship, the first impression I have of the so-called "outside world" is how small it is— how puny its politics, paltry its appetites, squint-eyed its interests. I have just spent an hour or so with friends reorienting myself in the realities of the world—the huge sweep of salvation and the minute particularities of holiness— and I blink my eyes in disbelief that so many are willing to live in such reduced and cramped conditions. But after a few hours or days, I find myself getting used to it and going along with its assumptions, since most of the politicians and journalists, artists and entertainers, stockbrokers and shoppers seem to assume that it's the real world. And then some pastor or priest calls me back to reality with "Let us worship God," and I get it straight again, see it whole.

— Eugene H. Peterson

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: Sharie Pillsbury, vocalist; David Stewart, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Per Almquist.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....September 23, 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

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

Sunday School

There are Classes for all ages and class begins at 9:15 a.m. The adult class this semester is *Grace and Mercy: The Call of the Gospel*, taught by Robert Crosby and Per Almquist. There are classes for all the children starting with nursery and going through Senior High. Come along and share and learn together.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting after the worship service on September 30, 2007. The Session will bring their recommendation to the congregation to call Rev. David Stewart as an associate pastor here at CTR. All members are urged to attend this important meeting.

Christian College Fairs

There will be a College Fair at the Greater Portland Christian School 1338 Broadway, So Portland on Wednesday, September 26th from 6:30-8:30 pm. Questions? Call 767-5123 or go to www.gpcs.net.

Stand In The Gap

A group of local Christian men will be going to a *Stand in the Gap* gathering in Washington DC on Friday evening 10/5. The bus will leave at 8:00 pm from exit #46 in So Portland. If you are interested in being a part of this group register by going to the website www.ironsharpensiron.net or by calling Russ Hartley at 854-9941.

Dates to Remember

Session Meetings First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Presbytery Meeting October 20, 2007
Mission Trip to New Orleans November 3-10, 2007
ABBA-Walk-a-thon November 3, 2007
Root Cellar Dinner December 6, 2007

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Pillsbury Team	Mansfield Team
Nursery	Margaret Pearson & Joanne Crosby	Jake & Monique Paris
Kid's Q	Joanne Crosby	Katherine & Terry Cosgrove
Sound	_____	_____
Prayer	Per Almquist	David Stewart

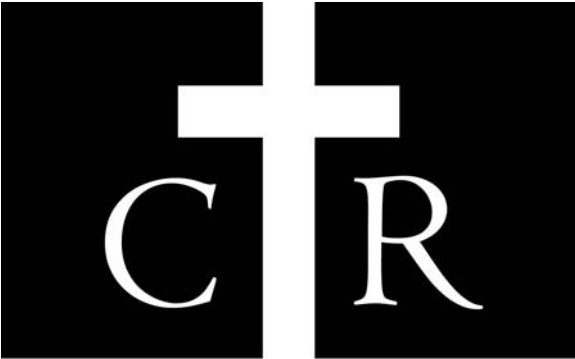
Finances: Last week our collection was \$2,790.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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Per Almquist Associate Pastor
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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