

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

April 13, 2008

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter<sup>1</sup>*

### 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 86*

Rev. Warren

Minister: We will praise you, O Lord our God, with all our whole hearts; we will glorify your name forever. For you have delivered us from the power of death.

**All: Bring joy to your servants, O Lord, for to you we lift up our souls. There is none like you; no deeds can compare with yours.**

Minister: All the nations you have made will come and worship before you. They will bring glory to your name, for you alone are God.

**All: Teach us now your way, O Lord, and we will live in your truth. Give us undivided hearts that we may fear and praise your great name.**

#### \*Song of Exultation (296)

“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”

*Holden*

#### \*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

Zephaniah 1:17-18

Rev. Warren

For the God Himself says, “I will bring distress on the people and they will walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD. Their blood will be poured out like dust and their entrails like filth. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD’s wrath. In the fire of his jealousy the whole world will be consumed, for he will make a sudden end of all who live in the earth.”

#### Song of Preparation

“Gospel Song”

*Jones/Kauflin<sup>2</sup>*

Holy God, in love, became  
Perfect Man to bear my blame.

On the cross he took my sin.  
By his death I live again.

#### Corporate Confession

Psalm 51

Rev. Warren

Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Your compassion 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, I have sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak, and blameless when you judge.

#### Silent Reflection/Confession

*Please take a few moments to pray privately*

#### Proclamation of Forgiveness

Psalm 130

Rev. Warren

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption. He Himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

#### \*Song of Renewal

“Isaiah 43”

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)*

I am the Lord. (4X)

##### Women:

I am the Lord your God.

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

Do not fear. (4X)

I am the Lord.

#### \*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!**

#### Reception of New Members and Baptism (see insert)

Rev. Warren

#### Song of Baptism (359)

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

*Nageli*

#### Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World

Mr. Robert Crosby

#### Greeting and Announcements

Mrs. Sharie Pillsbury

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

## PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

#### \*Scripture Reading (Page654)

Zephaniah 1:7-13

Mr. Jacob Paris

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

#### The Sermon

“Nothing to Say”

Rev. Stewart

Sermon Series on the Book of Zephaniah—*The Day of the LORD*

#### The Offertory

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism<sup>3</sup>

Minister: What is the chief end of man?

**People: Man’s chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.**

Minister: What rule has God given to direct us in how to glorify and enjoy Him?

**People: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us as to how we may glorify and enjoy Him.**

#### \*Gloria Patri

*Greatorex*

Glory be to the Father  
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning

Is now and ever shall be  
World without end.  
Amen. Amen.

## 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.<sup>4</sup>

**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).*

#### \*Communion Song (Insert)

“I Will Glory in My Redeemer”

*Cook<sup>5</sup>*

## COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

#### \*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Stewart

#### \*The Benediction

Jude 24-25

Rev. Stewart

Minister: To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forever more.

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

#### Postlude

*Please stay and enjoy some refreshments together after the service.*

<sup>1</sup> This season of Easter is a celebration of the resurrection from the dead by Jesus. His triumph over death is the basis for our hope. The white and gold of the vestments speak of Christ’s purity, life, and power.

<sup>2</sup> **Please stand, if you are able. Thank you.**

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<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 2001 PDI Worship, CCLI License No. 1958155.

## Reflections

“The linkage which unites Christians in a common body is a linkage which crosses the boundaries of the centuries as well as the lines of longitude and latitude . . . The Christian community, the Church, is a massive body spread out across the map of history. It is a body quivering with life in all its members. All its members; not just those passing here and now between birth and death. That is the community the Christian joins at baptism.”

— Harry Blamires

“We must assert that there *can* be only one Christian family, only one Christian faith, hope and baptism, and only one Christian body, because there is only one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You can no more multiply churches than you can multiply Gods. Is there only one God? Then he has only one church . . . The unity of the church is as indestructible as the unity of God himself. It is no more possible to split the church than it is possible to split the Godhead.”

— John R.W. Stott

### 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: Cynthia Setchell, vocalist; Mike Marchand, bass; Johnathan Bauer, accompanist.  
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Robert Crosby.

## CHRIST THE REDEEMER

# Highlights.....April 13, 2008

### OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER

Friday Prayer-*Eggspectation Restaurant So Portland*

Fridays at Noon

Sunday Morning Prayer-*Breakwater School*

Sundays at 8:30 AM

#### Home Fellowship Groups

Casco, Windham, Gray Region-*Robert Crosby-657-2445*

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Gorham-@ *Marchand home-839-9877-teacher Dave Stewart 712-9826*

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 5:30 PM

Portland-Doug & Kristen Warren

TBD

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Today

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

#### CTR College Students

Our students are almost to Finals Week again and need our support (mostly in the snack and junk food area). We need SHOE BOXES and we need HOMEMADE COOKIES or other snacks, and we need them in LARGE QUANTITIES! We will be making our collection on SUNDAY, APRIL 20 and mailing them out on the 21st. Bring shoe boxes and baked goodies (or favorite "study candy" you know our students love). We have 10-12 students we'll be sending packages to, so we'll need A LOT!! If you have any questions, please contact Joy Guliani at Joyful1@peoplepc.com or 442-7961. Thanks!

#### Jobs at Church

There is a need for more volunteers to help on Sunday to set up our facility for worship service and to do the take down after the service. If you could help, please contact our set up leaders. You can reach them by phone at 883-2460-Nate Pillsbury, 221-5745-Tim Woodward.

#### ABBA Banquet

Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, ABBA, A Women's Resource Center will hold its Annual Community Awareness Fundraiser Banquet. Please consider coming to this event to see how God has worked through the ministry to meet the needs of women facing crisis pregnancies. Hear the moving story of a client who has accepted Christ as her Savior. See how God is faithful. For more information, contact Crystal Kepler at 636-7535 or [crkepler@gmail.com](mailto:crkepler@gmail.com).

#### Dates to Remember

Session Meetings

First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 p.m.

NNE Presbytery Missions Conference

April 18-19, 2008

VBS-Sports Camps

June 23-27, 2008

Church Retreat

September 19-20, 2008

### SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

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

**Finances:** Last week our collection was \$2,844.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

### MINISTRY STAFF

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Douglas Warren

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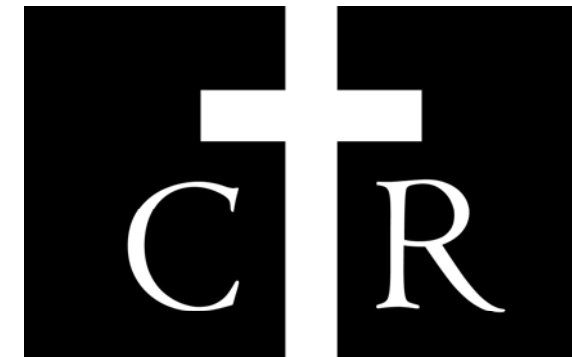
David Stewart

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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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