

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

June 15, 2008

Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Rev. Doug 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 34 Rev. Warren

Minister: I will bless the LORD at all times

All: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Minister: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

All: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

***Song of Exultation (92)** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” *Luther*

***Prayer of Adoration** *(concluded by praying together):* Mr. Nathan Pillsbury

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

Song of Preparation (251) “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” *Maker*

Scriptural Call to Repentance Hebrews 4:14-16 Rev. David L. Stewart

Knowing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need. *In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.*

Corporate Confession Rev. Stewart

Gracious Lord, we confess now that we dishonor You in our words and thoughts and deeds. Depending on our own strength we stumble; proclaiming our own goodness, we sin; glorying in our own righteousness we corrupt everything we touch. Turning our faces from You, Lord, we desire the things of this world to satisfy us. We pray now, Lord, for You to forgive all of our many sins; to cleanse the darkness from our lives, and to turn our faces and our hearts back towards You. We pray these things in the name of Your most precious son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Proclamation of Forgiveness Romans 8:1 Rev. Stewart

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

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

Song of Preparation “I Lift My Eyes Up” *Doerksen*¹

I lift my eyes up to the mountains.
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from You,
Maker of heaven, Creator of the earth.

Oh, how I need You, Lord.
You are my only hope.
You're my only prayer;
So, I will wait for You
To come and rescue me.
Come and give me life.

I lift my eyes up to the mountains. Where does my help come from?

***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’s Grace

Graduation

Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World

Praise

Requests

Rev. Warren

Greeting and Announcements

Mrs. Kristen Warren

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

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

***Scripture Reading (Page432)** Psalm 120 & 121 Mr. Tim Woodward

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Psalm (Insert) “I to the Hills Will Lift Mine Eyes”

The Sermon “God’s Ever Present Help” Rev. Warren

Sermon Series on the Book of Psalms

Singing Together on the Journey to Jerusalem

The Offertory

***Affirmation of Faith** The Nicene Creed²

Minister: Christian, what is it that we believe?

People: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the

Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic³ and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Barocha

Numbers 6:24

*Card*⁴

The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord make His face shine upon you

And give you peace

And give you peace

And give you peace, forever

The Lord be gracious to you

The Lord turn His face towards you

And give you peace

And give you peace

And give you peace, forever.

CELEBRATION OF 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: Behold, the Lamb of God⁵

People: Who takes away the sin of the world!

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: Believe in the Lord, and give Him eternal praise and thanks!

People: Lord Christ, help us to believe in You and always give You thanks and praise.

Minister: Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.

People: This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast.

Minister: Christ said, “I am the bread of life.”

People: He is our portion and our life.

Approaching Christ’s Communion Together

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 (598)** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” *Hughes*

***Concluding Prayer** Rev. Warren

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

***The Benediction** Second Corinthians 13:14 Rev. Warren

Minister: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

³The term “catholic” here means universal and does not mean any particular denomination.

⁴Adapted from the Lutheran Book of Prayer.

⁵This communion litany is based on the one used in Strassburg, Switzerland in the dawning of the Protestant Reformation. The Scriptural quotations are from Hebrews and the Gospel of John.

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² The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.

Reflections

The Psalms appeal to the whole person; they demand a total response. The Psalms inform our intellect, arouse our emotions, direct our wills, and stimulate our imaginations. When we read the Psalms with faith, we come away changed and not simply informed.

— Tremper Longman III *How to Read the Psalms*

We can decide to live in response to the abundance of God, and not under the dictatorship of our poor needs...We can decide to center ourselves in the God who generously gives and not in our own egos which so greedily grab. One of the certain consequences of such a life is joy....

— Eugene H. Peterson
A Long Obedience in the Same Direction

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; Johnathan Bauer, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Doug Warren, David Stewart, Nathan Pillsbury, Tim Woodward

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....June 15, 2008

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER

Friday Mid-Morning Prayer-Eggspectations Restaurant So Portland Fridays at Noon
Sunday Morning Prayer-Breakwater School Sundays at 9:30 AM
Home Fellowship Groups
Casco, Windham, Gray Region-Robert Crosby-657-2445 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
Gorham-@ Marchand home-839-9877-teacher Dave Stewart 712-9826 2nd and 4th Sundays at 5:30 PM
Portland-@ Tedder home-774-2847 SOME Saturdays at 5 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

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

Vacation Bible School and Soccer Camp

If you are available to help with VBS during the week of June 23-27th or if your children will be able to attend please indicate this on the attendance/prayer card in your order of worship and put this card in the offering plate. VBS will be in the morning (9-noon) and Soccer Camp in the afternoon. Talk to Pastor Warren if you have any questions.

Fourth of July Picnic

Fourth of July is just around the corner. Robert and Joanne Crosby will be hosting a cookout that day at their home in Gray. You and your family are invited to come. The cookout will be from noon to whenever. Bring a lawn chair, something to grill and something to share. The waterslide event will be included so kid's bring swimsuits.

NNE Presbytery

Christ the Redeemer will be hosting the meeting of the Northern New England Presbytery on July 18-19. Mark your calendar for this event so you will be available to attend. A Worship service is planned for Friday evening July 18th and the Presbytery meeting will be during the day on Saturday July 19th. All meetings will be here at Breakwater School. More details will follow.

Dates to Remember

Session Meetings First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Root Cellar Dinner August 22, 2008
Church Retreat September 19-20, 2008

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Perkins Team	Pillsbury Team
Nursery	Wendy & Kaylie Stewart	Joanne Crosby & Margaret Pearson
Kid's Q	Steve Harmon	Joanne Crosby
Prayer	Jim Mansfield	Dick Kurtz

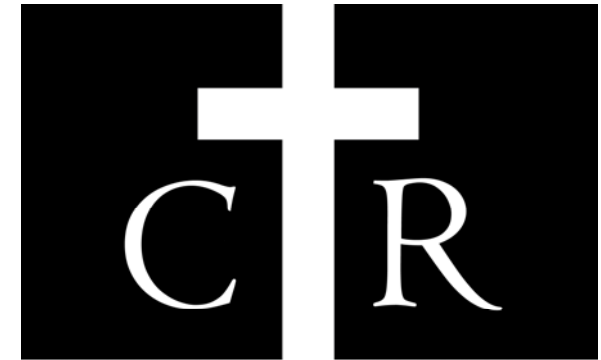
Finances: Last week our collection was \$2,225.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

MINISTRY STAFF

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David Stewart Associate Pastor
Joanne Crosby Office Manager

Service at Breakwater School 856 Brighton Ave Portland, ME. @ 10:30 AM



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2008

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