

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

July 13, 2008

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost¹

Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Reverend David L. 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 105

Rev. Stewart

Minister: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

All: Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

Minister: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

All: Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

*Songs of Exultation

“Great is the Lord”

Smith²

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.

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.

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.

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“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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*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

Psalm 25:4-7

The Rev. Per Almquist

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

Song of Preparation (Insert)

“Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul”

Steele/Twit³

Corporate Confession

Rev. Almquist

Holy Father, forgive us. Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though you should rule us, we control ourselves. Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. For we think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power to remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Heal our confused mind with your word, heal our divided will with your law, heal our troubled conscience with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

Silent Reflection/Confession

Please take a few moments to pray privately

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Psalm 130

Rev. Almquist

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. 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.

Reception of New Members (Insert)

Rev. Almquist

*Song of Renewal (Insert)

“When All Thy Mercies”

Addison/Barnes⁴

*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

Mr. Crosby

Greeting and Announcements

Ms Cynthia Setchell

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

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Psalm (Insert)

“Like Zion’s Mountain Shall They Be”

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*Scripture Reading (Page 433)

Psalm 125

Mr. Dana Perkins

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“Blessings and Curses”

Rev. Stewart

Sermon Series in Psalms: Singing Together on the Journey to Jerusalem

The Offertory

*Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism⁵

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.

*Barocha

Numbers 6:24

Card⁶

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.

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.⁷

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”

Cook⁸

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

¹ Pentecost originated as the feast of weeks as a celebration and offering to God at the conclusion of the grain harvest. It served as the primary occasion for covenant renewal and God used this time to renew His promises to His people through the gift of the Holy Spirit recorded in Acts 2:1-13.

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⁵ 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.

⁶ Adapted from the Lutheran Book of Prayer.

⁷ 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

“As death and resurrection stand together as twin aspects of the central accomplishment of Christ, so too do atonement and justification. The death of the cross was not the end for Jesus. Indeed, it would have been a tragic charade if the empty tomb had not followed. In turn, it was the resurrection that gave meaning to the death and cast light for the disciples on all that had gone before. After all, the very idea of resurrection requires death first, for it is not resurrection. As much then as death and resurrection are inseparable and mutually necessary, so also justification cannot take place without the atonement for sins, for people cannot be accounted righteous if they are under the wrath of God. Neither, on the other hand, can the atonement be understood without its inseparable corollary, receiving righteousness, which enables us not merely to be brought into a state of innocence, but makes us fit to be friends of a just and holy God.”

— Robert Letham

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: David Stewart, Per Almquist, Robert Crosby, and Nate Pillsbury

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....July 13, 2008

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

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

Picnic

Today after the service there will be a gathering at the So. Portland Bridge Park to enjoy a picnic together. If you would like to come please speak to Dana or Joan Perkins for directions. Bring your lunch and if possible something to share.

NNE Presbytery

Christ the Redeemer will be hosting the meeting of the Northern New England Presbytery on Saturday, July 19. **Plan now to attend the worship service at 9:00 a.m.** for the whole presbytery. All meetings will be here at Breakwater School. We will be serving a light breakfast before the service and a lunch at noon. If you could help with the food needs or serving the food please indicate this on the sign up sheet at the rear. If you could help provide overnight housing for a visiting presbyter, please indicate that on the sign up sheet also.

Ladies Fellowship

All ladies are welcomed to a fellowship on Friday, July 25th, from 10:00 am-4:00 pm at the home of Sheryl Hoehner in Norway, Me. Let's car-pool and have a fun day together. Sheryl has a special birthday celebration planned for everyone. RSVP to Joanne Crosby @ 878-1211 if you can attend.

Mission Lewiston

Please pray for all the work going on with our Lewiston church-plant this summer. We have several teams from other churches coming up to help serve and get the word out about this exciting new congregation. If you would like more information or would like to help too, please contact Per or the church office.

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	Second Week Team	Perkins Team
Nursery	Wendy & Kaylie Stewart	Doug & Gwen Tedder
Kid's Q	Paula & Alison Marchand	Steve Harmon
Prayer	Robert Crosby	Jim Mansfield
Sound	Noah Southwick	David Cosgrove

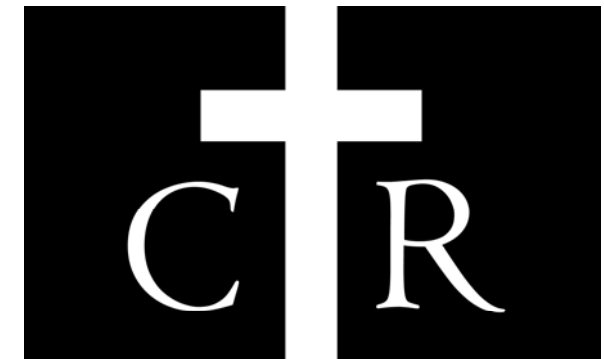
Finances: Last week our collection was \$3,224.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

MINISTRY STAFF

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Douglas Warren	Pastor
Per Almquist	Associate Pastor
David Stewart	Associate Pastor
Joanne Crosby	Office Manager

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



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