

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

July 20, 2008

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost¹

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

Based on the Songs of Ascents

Rev. Warren

Minister: Let us call upon the Name of the Lord.

All: For there is no other name in all the earth that saves.

Minister: Have mercy on us. O Lord, have mercy on us. For the sake of Your great Son and our Savior, Jesus, we cry out to You.

All: Let all God’s people say, “Faithful is our God. Let us trust in Him alone. Praise be to the Lord. He alone is worthy of praise!”

*Song of Exultation (7)

“From All That Dwell below the Skies”

Hatton

*Prayer of Adoration

(concluded by praying together):

Mr. Richard Kurtz

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 (Insert)

“Be Merciful to Me”

Jennings²

Scriptural Call to Repentance

Hebrews 4:14-16

The Reverend David 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.

Song of Renewal (195)

“Joy to the World”

Handel

*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. Kurtz

Deacon: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Greeting and Announcements

Mrs. Joanne Crosby

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

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Psalm (360)

“When in His Might the Lord”

Goss

*Scripture Reading (Page 433)

Psalm 126

Mr. Nathan Pillsbury

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“A Song of Redemption”

Rev. Warren

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

The Offertory

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed³

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 catholic⁴ 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.

*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 TOGETHER

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 God who takes away the sin of the world!⁵

People: Lord, we are Your people. Receive us by Your grace.

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 (700)

“Come, We That Love the Lord”

Williams

*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Warren

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

*The Benediction

First Thessalonians 5:23-24

Rev. Warren

Minister: May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The One who calls you is faithful and He will do it.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

You have heard the Word of God read, sung, prayed, and preached.

You have seen the glory of Christ put on display for all the world at His feasting table.

Now you must decide if you will live this Word out in your thoughts, words, and actions.

There is a community of believers here to assist you, stay after the service to get to know some of them.

Make plans to get together with one another this week and encourage and strengthen one another.

Determine to tell others in your circle of friends and associates with whom you will share this good news.

This same Word we have participated in today will not return to Christ void,

but will accomplish either blessing or curse.

Pray that He works it in you and us for blessing and let us praise Him for it together.

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.

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

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³ 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.

⁴ The term “catholic” here means universal and does not mean any particular denomination.

⁵ This 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.

Reflections

“Daring to do what is right, not what fancy may tell you, valiantly grasping occasions, not cravenly doubting—freedom comes only through deeds, not through thoughts taking wing. Faint not nor fear, but go out to the storm and the action, trusting in God whose commandment you faithfully follow; freedom, exultant, will welcome your spirit with joy.”
— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“When I had cancer, the greatest battle I had was not to preserve life but to practice joy. I speak of the practice of joy because joy is not an emotion. It is also a way of living and acting. On one side it is saying ‘No’ to self-pity, fear, and passivity. On the other, it is a series of actions that move from self-preoccupation to caring for others, inwardness to humor, from being a victim to being an actor on the stage of life. The chief action is to seek grace from God to serve others with enthusiasm.”

— C. John (Jack) Miller

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; Johnathan Bauer, accompanist.

Serving Communion: Doug Warren, Dave Stewart, Tim Woodward, and Richard Kurtz.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....July 20, 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.

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	Perkins Team	Pillsbury Team
Nursery	Kristen & Karis Warren	Joanne Crosby &
Kid's Q	Doug & Gwen Tedder	Joanne Crosby
Prayer	Dick Kurtz	Jim Mansfield
Sound	David Cosgrove	Jerod Kinney

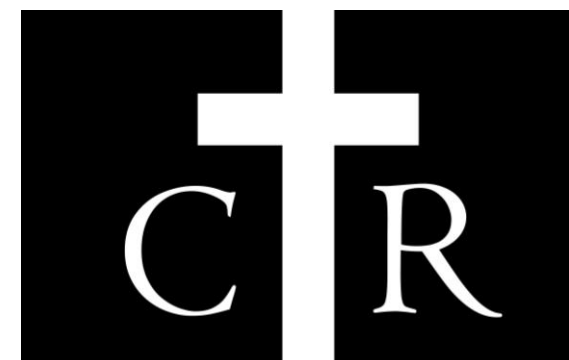
Finances: Last week our collection was \$4,045.07. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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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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