

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

July 27, 2008

The Eleventh 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

Psalm 146

Rev. Warren

Minister: Praise the Lord, O my soul. I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

All: Blessed is he whose hope is in the Lord his God, the maker of heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them: the Lord, who remains faithful forever.

Minister: He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those that are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous.

All: The Lord watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow but he frustrates the ways of the wicked. The Lord reigns forever. Praise the Lord!

*Song of Exultation (115)

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Prayer of Adoration

(concluded by praying together):

Mr. Jim Mansfield

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)

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

Twit²

Corporate Confession

Luther³

O Lord, merciful and mighty, we unworthy sinners, come to You in humble repentance and confess how we have transgressed Your holy Law. We are guilty both of what we

have done and what we have neglected to do, 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.

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 (Insert)

“I’ll Praise My Maker While I’ve Breath”

Watts

*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. Warren

Greeting and Announcements

Mrs. Sharie Pillsbury

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

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Psalm (Insert)

Psalm 127

*Scripture Reading (Page 433)

Psalm 127

Mr. Robert Crosby

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“The Answer to Vanity”

Rev. Warren

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

The Offertory

*Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism⁴

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-Smith⁵

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:⁶

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

Let those prepared to come to the Lord’s Table come forward. If you are not yet prepared to come, with all the responsibilities that entails, 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 (4)

“All Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Gesangbuch

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Warren

*The Benediction

John 14:27

Minister: Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

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.

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

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³ Adapted from the Lutheran Book of Prayer.

⁴ Catechisms are a question and answer format used for teaching in the church. The Heidelberg Catechism was written in 1563 and approved by the Church at the Synod of Dort (1618-1619).

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⁶ 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.

Reflections

“There once was in man a true happiness of which now remain to him only the mark and empty trace, which he in vain tries to fill from all his surroundings, seeking from things absent the help he does not obtain in things present. But these are all inadequate, because the infinite abyss can only be filled by an infinite and immutable object, that is to say, only by God himself.”

— Blaise Pascal

“It is vanity...to seek and trust in riches that perish. It is vanity also to court honor and to be puffed up with pride. It is vanity to follow the lusts of the body and to desire things for which severe punishment later must come. It is vanity to wish for long life and to care little about a well-spent life. It is vanity to be concerned with the present only and not to make provision for things to come. It is vanity to love what passes quickly and not to look ahead where eternal joy abides.”

— Thomas à Kempis

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.

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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: David Stewart, vocalist; Mike Marchand, bass; Matthew Pillsbury, accompanist. Serving Communion: Doug Warren, David Stewart, Doug Tedder, and Jim Mansfield.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....July 27, 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* Varies 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* 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 5 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

Please stay for refreshments after the service and get better acquainted with one another. This afternoon after the Worship service there will be a basketball game for all those interested. We will take time to have lunch before we begin.

Youth Group

For all who are from age 13 through high school-(college students also are welcome). On Friday August 8th come and meet at the Kinney's house at 5:00 p.m. Pizza will be served for dinner. The group will then go to the Car Wars at Beechridge Speedway. The cost is \$6.00. If you have any questions call the Kinney's at 885-0100. Beginning in September and going through May we will be planning on getting together once a month for Bible study and once a month for a social activity.

Root Cellar Dinner

On August 28th CTR will host the Thursday night neighborhood dinner at the Root Cellar. There are sign-up sheets on the back table. Please consider helping by providing some of the food needed or perhaps helping to serve the dinner or visit the neighbors at the dinner tables. This is a great opportunity to show Christ's mercy and love to those who are less fortunate than us. Maybe the Lord will use you to bless someone as you "give the cup of cold water" in His name. If you have any questions please speak to Joanne Crosby.

Choir Plans

"LA, LA, LA. Attention all singers. A choir is being formed to sing at the end of August, and we need you to lend your voices that we might together make a joyful noise to the Lord. We will be singing three songs, a hymn written by the late James Boice, a polyphonic plainchant of Psalm 150, and the 'Nunc Dimittis' (Now Dismiss Your Servant in Peace). The choir will rehearse from 7:00 - 8:15 on Monday, August 4, 11, and 18, (location TBD) and will sing for the worship service on August 24. If you are interested in joining us, please see David this morning after the worship service, or give him a call at 712-9826."

Dates to Remember

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

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Perkins Team	Pillsbury Team
Nursery	Joanne Crosby &	April & Nathan Mathis
Kid's Q	Joanne Crosby	Linda Southwick
Prayer	Jim Mansfield	Doug Tedder
Sound	Jerod Kinney	Noah Southwick

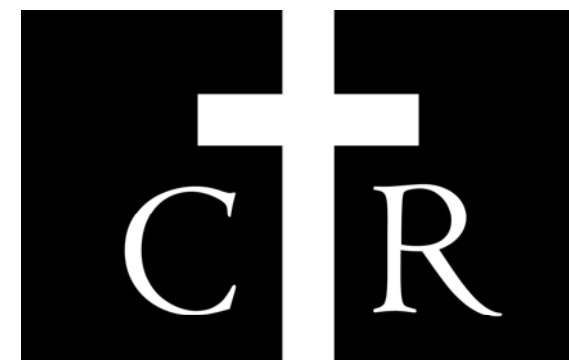
Finances: Last week our collection was \$2,835.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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