

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

August 3, 2008

*The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost<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

Isaiah 6

Reverend David Stewart

Minister: I saw the Lord, seated on a throne, high and exalted,

**All: And the train of his robe filled the temple.**

Minister: Above Him were seraphs, each with six wings: with two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

**All: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory.”**

#### \*Hymn of Exultation (100)

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

*NICAEA*

#### \*Prayer of Adoration

*(concluded by praying together):*

Mr. Doug Tedder

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

Isaiah 30:15-18

Rev. Stewart

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; He rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is God of justice. Blessed are those who wait for Him!

#### Song of Preparation (Insert)

“Jesus, I Come”

*Thompson<sup>2</sup>*

#### Corporate Confession

Rev. Stewart

Holy Father, we long to have You change our hearts. We confess to You that we do not obey You as we should. We love little, speak not the truth, harbor resentment, and leave the oppressed with no defender. We break Your holy law, leave undone what You command, and delight in what You have forbidden. Merciful Lord, we humbly ask that You would forgive us and change our hearts. Conform us to the image of Your Son. Holy Spirit, work in us we pray, that we might be like You.

#### Silent Reflection/Confession Proclamation of Forgiveness

*Please take a few moments to pray privately*  
Hebrews 2:18

Rev. Stewart

Because Jesus Himself suffered when He was tempted,  
He is able to help those who are being tempted.

#### \*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.

I am the Lord.  
I am the Lord.  
I am the Lord.  
I am the Lord.

*(repeat)*  
I am the Lord.

##### Women:

I am the Lord your God.

I am the Holy One of Israel,  
Your Saviour

Do not fear.  
Do not fear.  
Do not fear.  
Do not fear.

#### \*The Peace of God

*This is an opportunity to extend the grace of Christ to one another.*

Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. May this 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. Terry Cosgrove

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

## PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

#### \*Scripture Reading (Page 433)

Psalms 128

Mr. Brian Cosgrove

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

#### The Sermon

“Jerusalem’s Prosperity”

Rev. Warren

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

#### The Offertory

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed<sup>3</sup>

Minister: Christian, what do you believe concerning God, the Father?

**People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

Minister: What do you believe concerning Jesus?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into**

heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Minister: Christian, what do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit and His work?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic<sup>4</sup> church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### \*Doxology

*OLD HUNDRETH*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost 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: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

#### Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world,

**People: Have mercy upon us!**

Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world,

**People: Grant us your peace!**

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

#### Approaching the King’s Feast

*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 (535)

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

*Williams*

## COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

#### \*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Warren

#### \*The Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

Rev. Warren

Minister: Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

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

<sup>1</sup> 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.**

<sup>2</sup> 2000 Greg Thompson Music, CCLI License No 1958155

<sup>3</sup> The Apostles’ Creed is a concise summary of the teachings of the apostles. Originally used as a baptismal confession in the second century, it was developed into its current form by the sixth or seventh century.

<sup>4</sup> The term “catholic” is used here in its generic sense of the universal church, not to refer to a denomination.

# Reflections

“Rebellion against God and flight from God remove us from the sphere of blessing, cutting us off from our only invisible means of support.”  
— Cornelius Plantinga, Jr.

“I think we have lost the old knowledge that happiness is overrated—that, in a way, life is overrated. We have lost somehow a sense of mystery—about us, our purpose, our meaning, our role. Our ancestors believed in two worlds, and understood this to be the solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short one. We are the first generation of man that actually expected to find happiness here on earth, and our search for it has caused such unhappiness. The reason: if you do not believe in another, higher world, if you believe only in the flat material world around you, if you believe that this is your only chance at happiness— if that is what you believe, then you are more than disappointed when the world does not give you a good measure of its riches, you are in despair.”  
— Peggy Noonan

## 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: Heather Kidd & Beth Almquist, vocalist; Jake Paris, guitar and percussion;

Matthew Pillsbury, accompanist.  
Serving Communion: Doug Warren, Dave Stewart, Jim Mansfield, and Doug Tedder.

# Highlights.....August 3, 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.

### 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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

	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Set Up</b>	Woodward Team	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week Team
<b>Nursery</b>	Kepler Family	Wendy & Kaylie Stewart
<b>Kid’s Q</b>	Linda Southwick	Paula & Alison Marchand
<b>Prayer</b>	Doug Tedder	Nathan Pillsbury
<b>Sound</b>	Noah Southwick	David Cosgrove

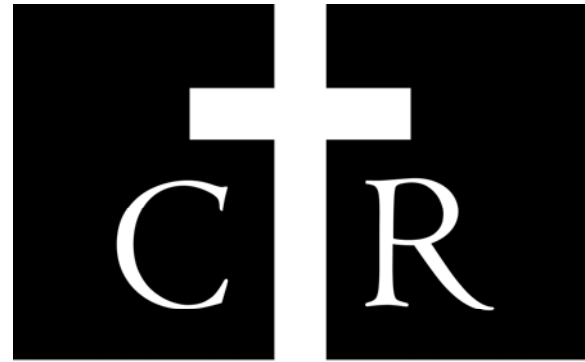
**Finances:** Last week our collection was \$1,505.50. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

## 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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