

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

August 10, 2008

The Thirteenth 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 86

Rev. Warren

Minister: We will praise you, O Lord our God, with all our whole hearts; we will glorify your name forever. For you have delivered us from the power of death.

All: Bring joy to your servants, O Lord, for to you we lift up our souls. There is none like you; no deeds can compare with yours.

Minister: All the nations you have made will come and worship before you. They will bring glory to your name, for you alone are God.

All: Teach us now your way, O Lord, and we will live in your truth. Give us undivided hearts that we may fear and praise your great name.

*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

Scriptural Call to Repentance

Isaiah 30:15-18

Rev. Per Almquist

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)

“My Maker and My King”

Steele²

Corporate Confession

Psalm 51

Rev. Almquist

Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is

ever before me. Against You, You only, I have sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak, and blameless when you judge.

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? 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.

*Song of Renewal (500)

“Rock of Ages”

Ward

*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

Praise

Requests

Rev. Warren

Greeting and Announcements

Mrs. Sharie Pillsbury

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

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

*Scripture Reading (Page434)

Psalm 129

Mr. Richard Kurtz

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“A Painful Purifying”

Rev. Warren

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

The Offertory

*Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism³

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.

*Creedal Song

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

NICAEA

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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.⁴

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 (528)

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Mason

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Warren

*The Benediction

Jude 24-25

Rev. Warren

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

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 Catechisms use set questions and answers 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.

⁴ 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.

Reflections

“How should we explain Jesus' belief in the necessity of His death? How should we account for the fact that what drove Him on throughout his public ministry, as all four gospels testify, was the conviction that He had to be killed? And how should we explain the fact that, whereas martyrs like Stephen faced death with joy, and even Socrates, the pagan philosopher, drank his hemlock and died without a tremor, Jesus the perfect servant of God, who had never before showed the least fear of man or pain or loss, manifested in Gethsemane what looked like blue funk, and on the cross declared Himself God-forsaken? Never man feared death like this man, commented Luther. Why? What did it mean? Those who see the death of Jesus as...no different essentially from the death of any other falsely condemned good man can make nothing of these facts at all...[But] the unique dreadfulness of His death lies in the fact that He tasted on Calvary the wrath of God which was our due, so making propitiation for our sins.”

— J.I. Packer

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; Mike Marchand, bass; Matthew Pillsbury, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Doug Warren, Per Almquist, Jim Mansfield, and Nathan Pillsbury.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....August 10, 2008

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER

Friday Mid-Morning Prayer- <i>Eggscaptations 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. There will be a **congregational meeting** following the worship service today. Please stay and participate!

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

The choir will be meeting tomorrow (August 11th) at the home of Nate and Sharie Pillsbury, 35 Mitchell Hill Road, Scarborough, ME. We will be singing on Sunday, August 24th. Rehearsal begins at 7:00 p.m. and will conclude at 8:15 p.m. If you love to sing and make a joyful noise, please plan on joining us. If you have any questions, please see David Stewart 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
Crop and Craft night for the CTR Ladies and friends at Gwen Tedder's home.	October 4, 2008

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	2 nd Week Team	Perkins Team
Nursery	Wendy & Kaylie Stewart	Kristen & Karis Warren
Kid's Q	Paula & Alison Marchand	Doug & Gwen Tedder
Prayer	Nathan Pillsbury	Jim Mansfield
Sound	David Cosgrove	Jerod Kinney

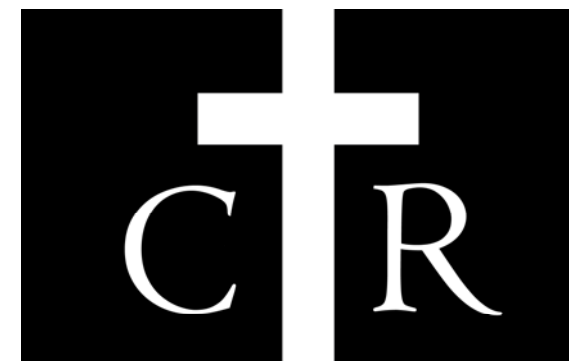
Finances: Last week our collection was \$3,662.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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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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