

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

September 7, 2008

*The Seventeenth 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

Psalm 72

The Rev. Warren

Minister: Endow the King with Your justice, O God, the royal Son with Your righteousness.

**All: He will judge Your people in righteousness, Your afflicted ones with justice.**

Minister: He will endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations.

**All: He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.**

Minister: Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.

**All: Praise be to His glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with His glory.**

#### \*Hymn of Exultation (101)

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

*Giardini*

#### \*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. David 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 (457)

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*Nettleton*

#### 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

*Please take a few moments to pray privately*

#### Proclamation of Forgiveness

Hebrews 2:18

Rev. Stewart

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

#### \*Scripture Reading (Page 125)

Deuteronomy 4:1-14

Mrs. Kristen Warren

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

#### \*Song of Renewal (32)

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*Runyan*

#### \*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. Stewart

#### Greeting and Announcements

Mrs. Sharie Pillsbury

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

## PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

#### \*Scripture Reading (Page 91)

Numbers 1:1-19

Mr. Brian Cosgrove

Reader: These are the commands and regulations the Lord gave through Moses . . .

**People: To the Israelites on the plains of Moab by the Jordan across from Jericho.**

#### The Sermon

“Organized as the Lord’s Army”

Rev. Warren

Sermon Series on the Book of Numbers

#### The Offertory

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed<sup>2</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>3</sup> church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### \*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: 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 (310)

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

*Darwall*

## 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.**

#### Postlude

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

<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> 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>3</sup> The term “catholic” is used here in its generic sense of the universal church, not to refer to a denomination.

## Reflections

“Heaven is a place of complete victory and triumph. This is the battlefield; there is the triumphal procession. This is the land of the sword and the spear; that is the land of the wreath and the crown.”

— Charles Spurgeon

“Let there be no mistake. To proclaim the lordship of Jesus in all the world can never be a matter of merely inviting people to embrace a personal salvation that leaves the power structures of the world untouched. If it is reduced to that, then in the name of the whole New Testament we must say that the Jesus of whom such a message speaks is not Jesus of Nazareth, but an idol who has usurped his name and distorted his message. And at the same time, we must say that to work for justice and peace in the world on any basis other than the declaration that the crucified and risen Jesus is Lord of the world, and that his Spirit is at work today to implement his victory, is to fight idolatry with idolatry. Only Jesus, the real Jesus, is Lord; only by his Spirit is there victory, is there hope. The gospel promises the life of the age to come, the hope of resurrection, to all who turn from idols and trust in this Jesus. The same gospel promises that, because his victorious reign has already begun, the power of his self-giving love can challenge and dethrone the usurping idols that still enslave, distort, and destroy human life. There is one gospel, because there is "one body and one Spirit...one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all" (Ephesians 4:4-6). There is one world, one God, one gospel. And with this gospel we, however surprisingly, have been entrusted. We are not spectators in this drama. We ourselves are summoned to be God's agents in bringing this earth-shattering message to the world—and to the church!—that so desperately needs it.”

— N.T. Wright

### 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.

Musicians: Eric Mathis, vocalist; Johnathan Bauer, accompanist.

Serving Communion: Doug Warren, David Stewart, Brian Cosgrove, and Doug Tedder.

## CHRIST THE REDEEMER

# Highlights.....September 7, 2008

### OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER

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

#### Sunday School Next Week

Classes for all ages will begin on September 14<sup>th</sup>-that's next Sunday.

#### Word and Deed Ministry

All ladies are invited to a Word and Deed Ministry luncheon at Jeanne Mansfield's house on Wednesday, September 10th at noon. This will be a time of good fellowship with a short discussion of an upcoming project. RSVP and directions/car pooling call 647-8487.

#### The Church Retreat is Soon!

The annual Church Retreat at Camp Cherith is Sept. 19-20. This is a Friday evening-Saturday evening event that your whole family will be sure to enjoy. Come to hear good teaching and enjoy fun camp activities. Enjoy times around the campfire. More details and a sign up sheet are on the back table.

#### Youth Group Plans

The Youth Group will be meeting on the third Sunday of each month. This month on September 21<sup>st</sup> meet for lunch and Bible study at the Kinney's home after the worship service. On Friday September 26<sup>th</sup> we will have a Mall Scavenger Hunt. Meet at the Kinney's home at 6:30 pm.

#### Truth Project Leadership Training

On Saturday, September 27th there will be a one-day training program for those who would like to lead the Truth Project curriculum in their home-fellowship or Bible study small group. The training consists of a morning and afternoon simulcast at First Baptist Church in Portland, led by Dr. Del Tackett who is on the staff of Focus on the Family. For further information: [www.truthproject.org](http://www.truthproject.org).

#### Dates to Remember

Session Meetings

First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Crop and Craft night for the CTR Ladies & friends at Becca Ballada's home. 4-8 pm October 4, 2008

Root Cellar Annual Banquet at Keeley the Katerer's-6:30 p.m. October 17, 2008

ABBA Walk Fair November 1, 2008

### SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	First Week Team	Second Week Team
Nursery	April & Nathan Mathis	Wendy & Kaylie Stewart
Kid's Q	Warren Family	Paula & Alison Marchand
Prayer	Doug Tedder	Robert Crosby
Sound	David Cosgrove	Noah Southwick

**Finances:** Last week our collection was \$1,941.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

### MINISTRY STAFF

(207) 878-1211 [www.MainePCA.org](http://www.MainePCA.org)

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

Sunday School for all ages at 9:15



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2008

*Worshipping Christ in Community  
As We Celebrate and Extend His Grace  
To Portland, New England and the World*