

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

September 14, 2008

*The Eighteenth 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 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 (Insert)

“Here in This Place”

*C. Davis<sup>2</sup>*

#### \*Prayer of Adoration *(concluded by praying together):*

Mr. Robert Crosby

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

*Job 10:14*

Rev. Warren

*If I sinned, You would be watching me and would not let my offense go unpunished.*

#### Song of Preparation (Insert)

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

*A. Reinagle<sup>3</sup>*

#### Corporate Confession

Psalm 51

Rev. Warren

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

*Job 19:25-27*

Rev. Warren

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see Him with my own eyes—I, and not another.

#### \*Scripture Reading (Page 95)

Numbers 5:1-10

Mrs. Joanne Crosby

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

#### \*Song of Renewal (642)

“Be Thou My Vision”

*Traditional Irish melody*

#### \*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 Sunday School Classes and Teachers

Mr. Robert Crosby

*Nursery—Dick and Ginny Kurtz; Four to Five Year-Olds—Crystal Kepler; Primary (1-3)—Viktor and Becca Ballada; Intermediate (4-6)—Joanne Crosby and Kristen Warren; Teens—Nate and Sharie Pillsbury; Adults—Dave Stewart, Doug Warren, Robert Crosby.*

#### 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 95)

Numbers 5:11-31

Mr. Tim Woodward

Reader: The Grass withers and the flowers fade,

**People: But the Word of the Lord remains forever.**

#### The Sermon

“Pure Intimacy”

Rev. Warren

*Sermon Series on Numbers: In the Wilderness with God’s Perfect Presence*

#### The Offertory

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism<sup>4</sup>

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.**

#### \*Creed Song

Rev 4 & 5

*Dudley-Smith<sup>5</sup>*

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 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.<sup>6</sup>

**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 (Insert)

“Before the Throne of God Above”

*Bancroft/Cook<sup>7</sup>*

## 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.*

<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.

<sup>2</sup> **Please stand, if you are able. Thank you.**

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<sup>4</sup> Catechisms use set questions and answer 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.

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<sup>6</sup> 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.

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## Reflections

“The future of the Church and the world depends, to an extent we little conceive, on the education of the day. The Church may be seeking to evangelize the non-Christian, and be giving up its own children to secular and materialistic influences. Pray for schools and colleges, and that the Church may realize and fulfill its momentous duty of caring for its children. Pray for godly teachers.”

— Andrew Murray

“We must assert that there *can* be only one Christian family, only one Christian faith, hope and baptism, and only one Christian body, because there is only one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You can no more multiply churches than you can multiply Gods. Is there only one God? Then he has only one church... The unity of the church is as indestructible as the unity of God himself. It is no more possible to split the church than it is possible to split the Godhead.”

— John R.W. Stott

### 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: Sharie Pillsbury, vocalist; Mike Marchand, bass; Johnathan Bauer, accompanist.  
Serving Communion: Doug Warren, Dave Stewart, Tim Woodward, and Robert Crosby.

## CHRIST THE REDEEMER

# Highlights.....September 14, 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

#### Today

Sunday School began today at 9:15 a.m. There are classes for all ages. Plan to join a class this school year. Please stay for refreshments after the service and get better acquainted with one another.

#### The Church Retreat has been cancelled.

We will not have our annual retreat this year due to lack of participation. Please pray with us on how we can come together in meaningful ways. If you have ideas please, let your elders know.

#### Youth Group Plans

The Youth Group will be meeting on the **first** Sunday of each month. The first meeting will be on **October 5<sup>th</sup>**, a 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	Second Week Team	Third Week Team
Nursery	Wendy & Kaylie Stewart	Kristen & Karis Warren
Kid's Q	Paula & Alison Marchand	Doug and Gwen Tedder
Prayer	Robert Crosby	Nathan Pillsbury
Sound	Noah Southwick	Jerod Kinney

**Finances:** Last week our collection was \$2,151.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

### MINISTRY STAFF

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Service at Breakwater School 856 Brighton Ave Portland, ME. @ 10:30 AM  
Sunday School for all ages at 9:15



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