

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

October 12, 2008

*The Lord's Day*<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 (100)

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

*Dykes*

#### \*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

Acts 3:19

Reverend David Stewart

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

#### Song of Preparation (Insert)

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

*Twit*<sup>2</sup>

#### Corporate Confession

Psalm 51

Rev. Stewart

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. Warren

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.

#### \*Scripture Reading (Page 100)

Numbers 11:1-23

Mrs. Kristen Warren

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

“The Wonderful Cross”

*Tomlin, Watts, et al*<sup>3</sup>

#### \*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*

Mr. 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 100)

Numbers 11:25-35

Mr. Richard Kurtz

Reader: The grass withers and the flower fades,

**People: But the word of our God stands forever.**

#### The Sermon

“The Greed Meltdown”

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 (308)

“Jesus Paid It All”

*Grape*

## 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

<sup>1</sup> Sunday is more than just the first day of the week. Each Sunday is a celebration of Jesus' victory over death in His resurrection Easter Sunday. The Lord of Creation has entered our world and changed everything. Just as God's people rested from work on the last day of the week to commemorate God's creative work, we now rest from worldly concerns on the first day of the week to celebrate His redeeming work.

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

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<sup>3</sup> © 2000 worshiptogether.com songs sixsteps Music. CCLI License No. 1958155.

<sup>4</sup> A catechism is a Question and Answer format 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.

# Reflections

“We can decide to live in response to the abundance of God, and not under the dictatorship of our poor needs. . . We can decide to center ourselves in the God who generously gives and not in our own egos which so greedily grab. One of the certain consequences of such a life is joy. . .”

— Eugene H. Peterson

“Confident hope breeds inward joy. The man who knows that his hope of glory will never fail him because of the great love of God, of which he has tasted, that man will hear music at midnight.”

— Charles Haddon Spurgeon

## 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; Elizabeth Noonan, accompanist.  
Serving Communion: Doug Warren, David Stewart, Nathan Pillsbury, and Robert Crosby.

## CHRIST THE REDEEMER

# Highlights.....October 12, 2008

### OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER

Sunday Morning Prayer-Breakwater School

Sundays at 8:30 AM

#### Home Fellowship Groups

Casco, Windham, Gray Region-Robert Crosby-657-2445  
Gorham-@ Marchand home-839-9877

**Today** October 12, 2008-for Lunch  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 5:30 PM

teacher Dave Stewart 712-9826-Study is on Hebrews  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at 5 PM

Portland-@ Tedder home-774-2847

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Today

Sunday School is held each Sunday 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.

#### Annual Root Cellar Banquet

On October 17<sup>th</sup> the Root Cellar will hold their Annual Banquet at Keeley the Katerer 178 Warren Ave. Portland. The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. Come and be a part of a group from CTR as well as many other local churches. Help support this wonderful ministry and hear about what the Lord has done through this work in the past year. Contact the church office for a reservation.

#### Baby Shower

Ladies are invited to come to a baby shower for Joy Guliani. It will be on Sunday Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at the home of April Mathis, 52 Winding Way Portland. Please RSVP with April 774-0105.

#### ABBA Walk Fair

On Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00-11:00 a.m. you can participate in a Walk Fair for Life. This walk fair will be at the Portland Sports Complex @ 512 Warren Ave, Portland. Come and walk for two miles and help ABBA as they serve those in crisis pregnancies in this community. See Crystal Kepler to sign up to walk or to pledge your support for this project.

#### Dates to Remember

Session Meetings  
NNE Presbytery Meeting

First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 p.m.  
October 18, 2008

### SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Lane Team	Perkins Team
Nursery	Wendy & Kaylie Stewart	Kristen and Karis Warren
Kid's Q	Paula & Alison Marchand	Doug and Gwen Tedder
Prayer	Robert Crosby	Nate Pillsbury
Sound	Noah Southwick	Jerod Kinney

**Finances:** Last week our collection was \$2,437.00. 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



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