

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

May 14, 2006

The Fifth Sunday of Easter¹

Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Rev. Doug 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

Traditional American ²

Call to Worship

Exodus 15:26-Isaiah 6:10

Rev. Warren

Minister: God invites us into His healing presence with these words, “I am the Lord, who heals you.”

All: Diseased, depressed, dysfunctional, defeated, we come hungering for health that only God can provide.

Minister: God calls us to bring open eyes, hearing ears, and tender hearts turned toward Him, the Great Physician.

All: We bow before Him in faith and expectancy.

***Song of Exultation** (53) “Praise to the Lord, The Almighty” *Stralsund Gesangbuch*

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

Song of Preparation

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Kocher

Scriptural Call to Repentance

First John 1:8-9

Rev. Warren

The apostle John wrote, “My little children, I am writing you these things so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.” In the strength of this assurance let us confess our sins to God.

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. Amen.

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.

RECEIVING GOD’S GRACE TOGETHER

*Song of Renewal

(Insert) “Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks”

D. Fishel³

*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!

Extending Christ’s Kingdom

Tim Carroll-Mission Team to Maine

Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World

Praise

Requests

Rev. Warren

Greeting and Announcements

Mrs. Sharie Pillsbury

Children ages 3-9 are excused to **Kids’ Quest** at this time.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

*Psalm

(Insert) “Praise God, You Servants of the Lord”

Psalter, 1912

*Scripture Reading

(insert) Luke 11:1-13

Jake & Monique Paris

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon Lord Teach Us To Pray: Our Need For Prayer

Rev. Per Almquist

The Offertory

“Sunday River”

Sutherland

*Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism⁴

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.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning

Greatorex

Is now and ever shall be
World without end.
Amen. 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.

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.⁵

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 Table

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

(447) “Christ for the World! We Sing”

Giardini

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

Traditional American

Please get to know someone during the time of refreshments following the service.

¹ We celebrate Jesus’ victory over death not only on Easter Sunday, but every day. The Lord of Creation has entered our world and changed everything. In light of this change the Church has traditionally marked time in a different way as well, with the whole year following Christ’s redemptive work in seasons of advent, lent, easter, and pentecost.

² This tune is entitled, “Galician Waltz”. The previous melodies were entitled, “Bad Hair” (R. Miller) and “The Banks of the Allan” (traditional).

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

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⁴ 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.

⁵ 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

“One day a friend of mine was walking through a shopping mall with his two-year-old son. The child was in a particularly cantankerous mood, fussing and fuming. The frustrated father tried everything to quiet his son but nothing seemed to help.

“The child simply would not obey. Then, under some special inspiration, the father scooped up his son and, holding him close to his chest, began singing an impromptu love song. None of the words rhymed. He sang off key. And yet, as best he could, the father began sharing his heart. ‘I love you,’ he sang. ‘I’m so glad you’re my boy. You make me happy. I like the way you laugh.’ On they went from one store to the next. Quietly, the father continued singing off key and making up words that did not rhyme. The child relaxed and became still, listening to this strange and wonderful song. Finally, they finished shopping and went to the car. As the father opened the door and prepared to buckle his son into the car seat, the child lifted his head and said simply, ‘Sing it to me again, Daddy! Sing it to me again!’

“Prayer is a little like that. With simplicity of heart we allow ourselves to be gathered up into the arms of the Father and let Him sing His love song over us.”

— Richard Foster

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: Matthew and Sharie Pillsbury, vocalists; Evan Pillsbury, cello; John Lawson, guitar; Mike Marchand, bass; Nate Marchand, hand percussion; Sara Sturdivant, piano.
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Robert Crosby.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....May 14, 2006

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today—Happy Mother’s Day!

Please stay for refreshments after the service and get better acquainted with one another. We have a free book for any who would like one in honor of our moms.

Moving Help Needed

We have several families moving, some locally and some further. Please find ways to help. There is a family moving into Portland; call the church office 878-1211. To assist the Maynards call 829-8174 for details. For help with the Paris’ call 784-6789. To help Pat Grosser, Becca Ballada’s mom on 6/3 call Becca at 767-6002. Thank you.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held on August 7-11 this year. Start now to talk to your friends and neighbors about this special week. This is a great opportunity to reach out to share Christ with the families we know. We will be having a mission team coming to help us again this year.

Congregational Meeting

The session would like the congregation to meet to discuss our next steps in looking for a ministry center. This is an important issue in the life of the congregation and we would like all members to participate. We are planning on **the first week of June**. Please let us know what would be a preferable time, whether after a worship service, a Friday night, or another time. Call or email the church office. Thanks.

Dates to Remember

CTR Prayer Meetings—Location TBA Fridays, **6:30-7:30 am**
Session Meetings (*monthly*) First Tuesday night 6:00-9:00, Third Friday morning 6:30-9:00
Root Cellar Dinner June 29, 2006
Vacation Bible School August 7-11, 2006
Church Retreat September 22 & 23, 2006

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Boyer	Mansfield
Food	Team	Team
Usher		
Nursery	Steve & Kristine Geary	Doug & Gwen Tedder
Kid’s Q	Paula & Alison Marchand	Steve & Katya Harmon
Sound	_____	Barth Boyer
Prayer	Robert Crosby	Jim Mansfield

Finances: Last week our collection was \$4,828.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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Sunday School for all ages at 9:30



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