

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

May 28, 2006

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

“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”

Arr. Tom Jennings

Call to Worship

Isaiah and Psalms

Rev. Warren

Minister: Thus says the LORD: “Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool.”

All: O LORD, our God, You are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty!

Minister: To You I lift up my eyes, O You who are enthroned in the heavens!

All: Our eyes look to the LORD our God, till He has mercy upon us.

***Song of Exultation** (296) “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name” *Nicholson*
(Insert) “We Will Glorify” *T. Paris¹*

Prayer of Adoration *(concluded by praying together):* Mr. Richard Kurtz

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

*Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism²

Minister: Why did Christ command us to call God “our Father”?

People: At the very beginning of our prayer Christ wants to kindle in us what is basic to our prayer—the childlike awe and trust that God through Christ has become our Father. Our fathers do not refuse us the things of this life; God our Father will even less refuse to give us what we ask in faith.

Minister: Why the words “in heaven”?

People: These teach us not to think of God’s heavenly majesty as something earthly, and to expect everything for body and soul from His almighty power.

*Creed Song

Rev 4 & 5

Dudley-Smith³

Heavenly hosts in ceaseless worship	All creation, all redemption,
Holy, holy, holy’ cry;	Join to sing the Saviour’s worth;
He who is, who was and will be,	Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us
God Almighty, Lord most high.	Kings and priests, to reign on earth.
Praise and honour, power and glory,	Wealth and wisdom, power and glory,
Be to him who reigns alone;	Honour, might, dominion, praise,
We, with all his hands have fashioned,	Now be his from all his creatures
Fall before the Father’s throne.	And to everlasting days.

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

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² Catechisms are a question and answer format used for teaching in the church. The Heidelberg Catechism was written in 1563 and approved by the Church at the Synod of Dort (1618-1619).

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Sacrament of Baptism

Abigail Williams, covenant child of Luke and Maria Williams

Vows for the parents:

Do you acknowledge your child’s need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God’s covenant promises in his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God’s appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Vow for the congregation:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Prayer of Baptism

Rev. Almquist

***Song of Baptism** (131) “Children of the Heavenly Father”

Traditional Swedish

REPENTING TOGETHER BY GOD’S GRACE

Scriptural Call to Repentance

First John 1:8-9

Rev. Warren

God’s Word warns us, “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” It also provides the wonderful truth found only in Christ saying, “If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” *In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.*

Song of Preparation (Insert) “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” *K. Medema⁴*

Corporate Confession

Congregation

Lord God, we come before You as Your children, coheirs with Christ, confessing our sins to You and one another. We admit we disobey You in more ways than we can count. We don’t do the things You command us to do and do the very things You tell us not to do. Forgive us for Christ’s sake, and make us more like Him.

Silent Reflection/Confession *Please take a few moments to pray privately*

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Jeremiah 33:8

Rev. Warren

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

***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 Christ’s Church and the World

Rev. Warren

Greeting and Announcements

Mrs. Kristen Warren

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

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

***Psalm** (71) “Stand Up, O God, Be Present Now”

From Psalm 68/Wilson

***Scripture Reading** (insert) Matthew 6:5-13

Mr. Jim Mansfield

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon “Our Father Who Art in Heaven”

The Basis for Prayer

Rev. Almquist

The Offertory “Be Thou My Vision”

Traditional Irish Melody

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 Christ by faith to be strengthened and renewed as they eat bread and drink wine. All those who trust in Jesus 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 participating, we invite you to consider the prayers found below.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: God spoke these words, and said, “I am the Lord thy God:⁵

People: You shall have no other gods before Me.

Minister: You shall not make for yourself any graven image . . . you shall not bow down to them nor serve them: for I the Lord your God am a jealous God.

People: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that takes His name in vain.

Minister: Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy.

People: Honor your father and mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

Minister: You shall not kill.

People: You shall not commit adultery.

Minister: You shall not steal.

People: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Minister: You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

All: Lord, have mercy on us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: We come to this table as lawbreakers.

People: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Minister: We come to this table as the holy people of God.

People: Jesus the righteous One has made us a holy nation, God’s own people.

Drawing Near in Community of Faith

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

“He is Exalted”

Paris⁶

He is exalted,	He is the Lord;
The King is exalted on high;	Forever His truth shall reign.
I will praise Him.	Heaven and earth
He is exalted, forever exalted,	Rejoice in His holy name.
And I will praise His name!	He is exalted, The King is exalted on high

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Warren

*The Benediction

John 14:27

Minister: Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

“Stand Up, O God, Be Present Now”

Wilson

⁵ The Ten Commandments have been used in conjunction with the Lord’s Supper for centuries. It is especially appropriate as we understand that it is only through Christ’s sustaining grace that we are able to keep God’s perfect law. May He strengthen us to walk in the light as He is in the light.

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Reflections

“Although he may be broken and bruised, tossed about with fears and doubts, the child of God nevertheless in his need cries out, “Father!” as instinctively as a child who has fallen and been hurt calls out in similar language, “Daddy, help me!” Assurance of sonship is not reserved for the highly sanctified Christian; it is the birthright of even the weakest and most oppressed believer. This is his glory.” - Sinclair Ferguson

“Do I, as a Christian, understand myself? Do I know my own real identity? My own real destiny? I am a child of God. God is my Father; heaven is my home; every day s one day nearer. My Saviour is my brother; every Christian is my brother too. Say it over and over to yourself first thing in the morning, last thing at night, as you wait for the bus, any time when your mind is free, and ask that you may be enabled to live as one who knows it is all utterly and completely true. For this is the Christian’s secret of - a happy life? - yes, certainly, but we something both higher and profounder to say. This is the Christian’s secret of a *Christian* life, and of a *God-honouring* life: and these are the aspects of the situation that really matter. May this secret become fully yours, and fully mine.”
- 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 & Matthew Pillsbury, vocalists; Jake Paris, guitar; Mike Marchand, bass; Nate Marchand, hand percussion; Sara Sturdivant, piano. Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Richard Kurtz.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....May 28, 2006

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

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

Pentecost Choir

We will have a choir sing in observance of Pentecost on Sunday, June 4th. Next rehearsal will be 7:30 pm Wednesday, May 31st at the Pillsbury residence. Fore more information please contact Evan at 775-0138 or e-mail at evan.pillsbury@mainepca.org.

Moving Help Needed

We have several families moving, some locally and some further. Please find ways to help. To assist the Maynards move out on 6/3 call 829-8174 for details. To help Pat Grosser, Becca Ballada’s mom, move in 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 from Crossroads Presbyterian Church coming to help us this year. If you can participate in some way let us know at the church office.

Congregational Meeting

The session has called for a congregational meeting on June 11th to discuss our pursuit of a ministry center, church-planting plans with Per, and our annual business. We will meet at 9:00 am to 10:15 and then resume the meeting after the Worship service. A light lunch will be part of the refreshments for that day and childcare will be provided during both parts of this meeting. All members please plan on attending if it all possible.

Dates to Remember

CTR Prayer Meetings	Park Avenue Church of God, Fridays, 6:30-7:30 am
Session Meetings (<i>monthly</i>)	<i>First Tuesday night</i> 6:00-9:00, <i>Third Friday morning</i> 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	Pillsbury	Woodward
Food	Team	Team
Usher		
Nursery	Victor & Becca Ballada	Ruth & Hannah Welch
Kid’s Q	Kathryn Pillsbury	Linda & Noah Southwick
Sound	Jordan Stewart	Eric Scribilleto
Prayer	Dick Kurtz	

Finances: Last week our collection was \$6,398.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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