

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

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### Welcome and Silent Preparation

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*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

Rev. Warren

Minister: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

**All: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

Minister: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**All: For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.**

**\*Song of Exultation** (345) “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken” *Hadyn*

**Prayer of Adoration** (concluded by praying together): Mr. Jim Mansfield

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** (Insert) “My Goal is God Himself” *Giacobbe<sup>1</sup>*

**Scriptural Call to Repentance** Hebrews 4:14-16 Rev. Warren

Knowing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need. *In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.*

**Corporate Confession** Rev. Warren

Gracious Lord, we confess now that we dishonor You in our words and thoughts and deeds. Depending on our own strength we stumble; proclaiming our own goodness, we sin; glorying in our own righteousness we corrupt everything we touch. Turning our faces from You, Lord, we desire the things of this world to satisfy us. We pray now, Lord, for You to forgive all of our many sins; to cleanse the darkness from our lives, and to turn our faces and our hearts back towards You. We pray these things in the name of Your most precious son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

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

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**Proclamation of Forgiveness** Romans 8:1 Rev. Warren

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

**Song of Renewal** (Insert) “I’ll Praise My Maker While I’ve Breath” *Watts<sup>2</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** Rev. Warren  
*Praise Requests*

**Greeting and Announcements** Miss Margaret Pearson

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

## PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

**Scripture Song** (Insert) “Ancient Words” *Lynn Deshazo<sup>3</sup>*

**\*Scripture Reading** (pg. 127) Deuteronomy 5:1-33 Mr. Nathan Pillsbury

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**The Sermon** “Obeying the King of the Covenant” Rev. Warren  
**God is our Covenant-Keeping King<sup>4</sup>**

### The Offertory

**\*Affirmation of Faith** The Nicene Creed<sup>5</sup>

Minister: Christian, what is it that we believe?

**People: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic<sup>6</sup> and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

<sup>2</sup> Words: Isaac Watts; alt. John Wesley; alt; paraphrase of Psalm 146. CCLI License No. 1958155.

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<sup>4</sup> Be sure to get your copy of *Taking Gathered Worship Home* in the back or on-line for this series on *Deuteronomy*.

<sup>5</sup> The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.

<sup>6</sup> The term “catholic” here means universal and does not mean any particular denomination.

**\* Sanctus** Isaiah 6:3 *Prince<sup>7</sup>*

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts (*sing 2x*) Holy is the Lord  
The whole earth is full of His Glory (*sing 3x*)

## CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

*A Word About Communion: This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. In communion Christians 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.*

Minister: God spoke these words, and said, “I am the Lord your God:<sup>8</sup>

**People: You shall have no other gods before Me.**

Minister: You shall not make for yourself an idol . . . you shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God.

**People: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**

Minister: Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving & Words of Institution

**People: Honor your father and mother.**

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 wife. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house, 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.**

**Please listen carefully to the minister’s explanation of communion.**

*All those who are prepared to come to the Lord’s table may 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. Both wine and grape juice are available (juice is in the outer circle of the trays).*

**\*Communion Song** (585) “Take My Life and Let it Be” *Malan*

**\*Concluding Prayer** Rev. Warren

## COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

**\*The Benediction** Second Corinthians 13:14 Rev. Warren

Minister: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### Postlude

## HISTORICAL NOTE

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) was a pastor and hymn writer who has been called the “Father of English Hymnody.” Raised in a time when many of his contemporaries sang only psalms, Watts as a teen complained to his father about the poor quality of the psalm paraphrases to which he received the challenge, “Give us something better!” He rose to the challenge writing more than 600 biblical paraphrases and hymns. His “I’ll Praise My Maker While I’ve Breath” is a classic example of his paraphrase work found in *Psalms of David, Imitated in the Language of the New Testament* in which he sought to sing psalms through the lens of the cross.

This is the hymn that John Wesley is reported to have sung to himself as he lay dying. It uses Psalm 146 as its base and beautifully applies that text to living out its truths.

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<sup>8</sup> 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.

