

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

September 24, 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

***Call to Worship¹** Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Rev. Warren

Minister: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.
All: Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

Minister: These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.
All: We will impress them on our children talking about them when we sit at home, when we walk along the road, when we lie down, and when we get up.

***Songs of Exultation** (Insert) “Great is the Lord” *Smith²*
(Insert) “Here in This Place” *C. Davis³*

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

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) “Change My Heart, O God” *Espinosa⁴*

Corporate Confession Luther⁵

O Lord, merciful and mighty, we poor sinners, come to You in humble repentance and confess how we have transgressed Your holy Law. We are guilty of doing wrong and neglecting to do right, evil thoughts, improper words, and wrong deeds. Forgive our failures for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ. Let His obedience cover our disobedience, let His righteousness atone for our unrighteousness. Great God and Helper, You alone can forgive. With all our hearts we thank You for Your boundless mercy. Grant us grace with which we might accept Your gift of forgiveness with true faith and look upon the word of pardon as a message coming from You, assuring us and consoling our hearts before You. Let us treasure Your forgiveness and freely

extend it to others by the power of Your resurrection. We pray in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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.

Reception of New Members: Rev. Warren

Vows for the new members:

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to support the church in it worship and work to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to promote its purity and peace?

Vow for the congregation:

Do you, members of Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church, acknowledge your need for these brothers and sisters in Christ and commit yourselves to their growth in holiness by the grace of God?

***Song of Renewal** (Insert) “Amazing Love” *Kendrick⁶*

***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 Mrs. Joanne Crosby

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

***Scripture Song** (Insert) “Ancient Words” *Lynn Deshazo*

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

***Scripture Reading** (page 128) Deuteronomy 6:1-25 Mr. Jim Mansfield

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon “Loving the King of the Covenant” Rev. Warren
God is our Covenant-Keeping King⁷

The Offertory

***Affirmation of Faith** The Heidelberg Catechism⁸

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and in death?
People: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from

my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Minister: What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

People: Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

***Creed Song** Rev 4 & 5 *Dudley-Smith⁹*

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 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: Behold, the Lamb of God¹⁰
People: Who takes away the sin of the world!

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: Believe in the Lord, and give Him eternal praise and thanks!
People: Lord Christ, help us to believe in You and always give You thanks and praise.
Minister: Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.

People: This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast.

Minister: Christ said, “I am the bread of life.”

People: He is our portion and our life.

Approaching Christ’s Communion Together

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** (648) “My Jesus, I Love Thee” *Gordon*

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

¹ The “Shema” is recited twice daily in Judaism. The name is from its first Hebrew word which means “listen.”

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⁷ This is a new series in the book of *Deuteronomy*. Be sure to get your copy of *Taking Gathered Worship Home* at the back table or on-line.

⁸ 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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¹⁰ This communion litany is based on the one used in Strassburg, Switzerland in the dawning of the Protestant Reformation. The Scriptural quotations are from Hebrews and the Gospel of John.

Reflections

“Reading God’s hand into circumstances can be an evasion of genuine commitment to being His person in them. It can be an insidious alternative to giving Him your heart—because it keeps your attention directed outward rather than inward, where His chisel bites....

“We have elevated coincidence to the status of miracle, and the interpretation of coincidence to gospel. We can routinely ask God to intervene in our circumstances while hoping He’ll keep His nose out of inner things like our spiritual indifference and pride.”

— John Boykin

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: Evan & Kathryn Pillsbury, vocalists; Jake Paris, guitar; Mike Marchand, bass; Matthew Pillsbury, piano.

Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Jim Mansfield.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....September 24, 2006

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

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

Sunday School

Sunday School is for the whole family. There is a class for everyone to attend. This year we will begin at **9:15 AM**. The adult Sunday School will have two classes. In one we will look at the *Westminster Confession of Faith*. All adults are welcome to attend this class. If you have an interest in becoming an officer of this church the class is a required part of your training. If you have questions about the requirements for our elders and deacons, please see the pastors. There will also be another adult class on The Holy Spirit taught by Robert Crosby.

CTR Music Ministry

Do you enjoy music and have an interest in sharing it with others? We are looking for new vocalists & instrumentalists to offer their musical gifts as part of our music ministry at CTR. Adults as well as children are encouraged to indicate on the prayer card their instrument (voice, piano, guitar, etc.) that they would like to offer as part of Sunday morning worship or other occasional opportunities. Thank you! Evan Pillsbury

Dates to Remember

CTR Prayer Meetings Park Avenue Church of God, Fridays, **6:30-7:30 am**
Session Meetings (*monthly*) *First and Third Tuesday nights* 6:00-9:00

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Pillsbury	Woodward
Food	Team	Team
Usher		
Nursery	Margaret Pearson & Becca Ballada	Ruth & Hannah Welch
Kid’s Q	Kathryn Pillsbury	Linda & Dan Southwick
Sound	Jordan Stewart	Robert Crosby
Prayer	Jim Mansfield	Doug Tedder

Finances: Last week our collection was \$3,295.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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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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