

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

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The Season after Pentecost¹

Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Reverend Per Almquist

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 Worship²** Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Rev. Almquist

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. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

All: Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

***Hymn of Exultation** (343) "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" *Purcell*

Prayer of Adoration *(concluded by praying together):* Rev. Per Almquist

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 Deuteronomy 4:1-2 Rev. Douglas Warren

Hear now, O Israel, the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.

Song of Preparation (500) "Rock of Ages" *Ward*

Corporate Confession Rev. Warren

Holy Father, we long to have you change our hearts. We confess to You that we do not obey You as we should. We love little, speak not the truth, harbor resentment, and leave the oppressed with no defender. We break Your holy law, leave undone what You command, and delight in what You have forbidden. Merciful Lord, we humbly ask that You would forgive us and change our hearts. Conform us to the image of Your Son. Holy Spirit, work in us we pray, that we might be like You.

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

Proclamation of Forgiveness First Peter 2:24 Rev. Warren

Christ Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds we have been healed.

REJOICING TOGETHER IN GOD'S GRACE

***Song of Renewal** "Isaiah 43"

1. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. And the waves will not overcome you. Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are Mine.

2. When you pass through the fire, You'll not be burned. And the flames will not consume you. Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are Mine.

Chorus Men:
For I am the Lord your God
I am the Lord your God
I am the Holy One of Israel,
Your Saviour.

Women:
I am the Lord your God.

I am the Holy One of Israel,
Your Saviour

I am the Lord. (x4) *(repeat)* Do not fear. (x4)

I am the Lord.

***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. Terry Cosgrove

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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

***Scripture Reading** (insert) Deuteronomy 9:1-6 Mr. Brian Cosgrove

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon "The Lord-A Devouring Fire" Rev. Warren

God is our Covenant-Keeping King³

The Offertory

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed

Minister: Christian, what do you believe concerning God, the Father?

People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Minister: What do you believe concerning Jesus?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Minister: Christian, what do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit and His work?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic⁴ church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Doxology** *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Alleluia, alleluia

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Oh, praise Him, Oh, praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world,

People: Have mercy upon us!

Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world,

People: Grant us your peace!

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Approaching the King's Feast

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** (598) "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" *Hughes*

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

***Concluding Prayer** Rev. Warren

***The Benediction** Hebrews 13:20-21 Rev. Warren

Minister: Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

Please stay and enjoy some refreshments after the worship service.

¹ The seasons of the church calendar can help us in this rejoicing. Pentecost is a festival celebrating God's blessing and it was at this time that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to fill His people as He promised.

² The "Shema" is recited twice daily in Judaism. The name is from its first Hebrew word which means "listen."

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

³ This series is on the book of *Deuteronomy*. Be sure to get your copy of *Taking Gathered Worship Home* at the back table or on-line.

⁴ The term "catholic" is used here in its generic sense of the universal church, not to refer to a denomination.

