

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

October 15, 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 Worship** Deuteronomy 14; Psalm 100 Rev. Warren

Minister: Gather in the presence of the Lord our God in the place of dwelling for His name so that you may learn to revere the Lord our God always.

All: We will rejoice with our household in the presence of the Lord our God and rejoice.

Minister: You are the children of the Lord our God—His treasured possession.

All: Let us enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name!

***Songs of Exultation** (2) “O Worship the King” *Hadyn*
(Insert) “We Will Glorify” *Paris¹*

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” *Giacobbe²*

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 (457) “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” *Nettleton*

***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 Reading** (page 131) Deuteronomy 11:1-32 Mr. Nate Pillsbury

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon “Covenant Blessings and Curses” Rev. Warren
God is our Covenant-Keeping King ³

The Offertory

***Affirmation of Faith** The Nicene Creed⁴

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 catholic⁵ 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.

***Creedal Song** “Holy, Holy, Holy” *NICAEA*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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 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.

⁵ The term “catholic” here means universal and does not mean any particular denomination.

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: Behold, the Lamb of God⁶
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*

***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

⁶ 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

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: Cynthia Setchell and Evan Pillsbury, vocalists; Jackie Gourdin, pianist.
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Jim Mansfield.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....October 15, 2006

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

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

Presbytery Meeting This Week

Our church will host the NNE Presbytery Meeting on Friday and Saturday. Friday evening we will have a dinner at 6:00 pm and a special service will be held at 7:00 pm to install Rev. Per Almquist as our associate pastor. On Saturday the business meeting of the Presbytery will be held. We need host families for this weekend as well as help in providing and serving food. Nursery workers are also needed. **Please see sign-up sheets on the table at the rear.**

Praying (and eating) for central Maine

Scripture tells us to seek first the kingdom of God and all else will be added. As we look to plant a daughter church in central Maine, we are keenly aware that it is only by God's power that his church will go forth. So we invite all who would like to pray for the daughter church to a prayer meeting on **Saturday, Oct. 21st at 7:00 PM.** Come to pray, to hear about the need for a prayer team, and to eat home-baked goodies afterwards. **Childcare will be provided.** Ask the Almquists for more details.

Reformation Sunday

We will be joining together for a special evening service on October 29th with the congregation of Second Parish Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 32 Neal St Portland. The service will be at 6:00 pm. The speaker that evening will be Rev. Stephen Tracey.

Walk-a-thon

On **November 4th**, ABBA, A Women's Resource Center will be holding a fundraising walk at Back Bay in Portland. Please see Crystal Kepler for your pledge forms or call her at 636-7535.

Baby Shower

Ladies of CTR, you are invited to a baby shower in honor of Sarah Russell to be held Sunday, November 5th. We will gather after morning worship, from 1-3 p.m., at the home of Gwen Tedder, 25 Longwood Terrace. For more information or to RSVP, contact Kristen Warren at 797-6384 or Kristen.Warren@MainePCA.org.

Dates to Remember

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

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Week 3	Pillsbury
Food	Team	Team
Usher		
Nursery	Gwen Tedder & Pat Grosser	Becca Ballada & Margaret Pearson
Kid's Q	Steve & Katya Harmon	Kathryn Pillsbury & _____
Sound	Jordan Stewart	Jordan Stewart
Prayer	Jim Mansfield	Dick Kurtz

Finances: Last week our collection was \$1,261.50. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

MINISTRY STAFF

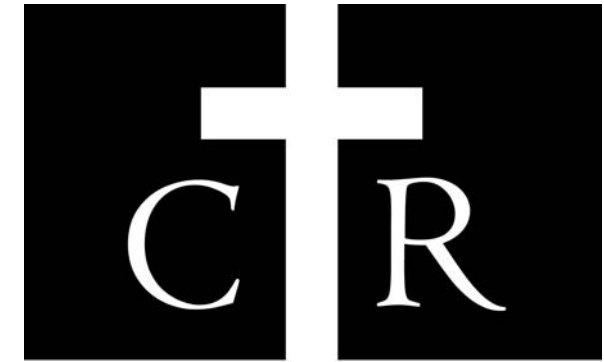
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Sunday School for all ages at 9:15



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2006

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