

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

October 29, 2001

The Season of Pentecost¹

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 in room #11. 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

Psalm 86

Rev. Warren

Minister: We will praise you, O Lord our God, with all our whole hearts; we will glorify your name forever. For you have delivered us from the power of death.

All: Bring joy to your servants, O Lord, for to you we lift up our souls. There is none like you; no deeds can compare with yours.

Minister: All the nations you have made will come and worship before you. They will bring glory to your name, for you alone are God.

All: Teach us now your way, O Lord, and we will live in your truth. Give us undivided hearts that we may fear and praise your great name.

*Song of Exultation (79)

“Praise, My Soul the King of Heaven”

KINGSFOLD

Prayer of Adoration

(concluded by praying together):

Rev. David Stewart

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

“Amazing Love”

Kendrick²

My Lord, what love is this that pays so dearly;
That I, the guilty one may go free.

Chorus

Amazing love, O what sacrifice,
The Son of God, given for me;

And so they watched Him die, despised, rejected;
But, O the blood He shed flowed for me.

My debt He pays and my death He dies,
That I might live, that I might live.

And now this love of Christ shall flow like rivers;
Come wash your guilt away, live again.

Corporate Confession

Psalm 51

Rev. Warren

Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, I have sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak, and blameless when you judge.

Silent Reflection/Confession

Please take a few moments to pray privately

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Psalm 130

Rev. Warren

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption. He Himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

*Song of Renewal (172)

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

Gesangbuch

*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

Praise

Requests

Rev. Warren

Greeting and Announcements

Mrs. Kristen Warren

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

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

*Scripture Reading (insert)

Deuteronomy 15:1-23

Michael & Andrea Stultz

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“Costs for a Community Blessed by the Lord”
God is our Covenant-Keeping King³

Rev. Warren

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 catholic 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.

*Barocha

Numbers 6:24

Card⁵

The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord make His face shine upon you

And give you peace

And give you peace

And give you peace, forever

The Lord be gracious to you

The Lord turn His face towards you

And give you peace

And give you peace

And give you peace, forever.

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: Believe in the Lord, and give Him eternal praise and thanks!⁶

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.

Words of Institution & Invitation

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

People: He is our portion and our life.

Partaking the Means of Grace 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 (164)

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Glaser

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Warren

*The Benediction

John 14:27

Rev. Warren

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

Please stay and enjoy some refreshments after the service.

¹ Pentecost is the season in the church year that runs from Pentecost Sunday (Eighth Sunday of Easter) to Advent (December). Pentecost reminds us of God’s gracious calling, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, to be the Church. The green of the vestments represents the growth that is to be characteristic of the church with the presence of His Spirit.

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

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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 Adapted from the Lutheran Book of Prayer.

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

“It costs God nothing, so far as we know, to create nice things; but to convert rebellious wills cost Him crucifixion.”

— C.S. Lewis

“Among the most vital means of grace are other Christians.”

— Richard Lovelace

“Make no mistake: it does not always pay to be a Christian. Nor is honesty by any means always the best policy, if material gain is your ambition. Poverty has often been part of the cost of Christian discipleship.”

— John R.W. Stott

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 Pillsbury, vocalist; Amanda Day, piano.
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and David Stewart.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....October 29, 2006

Reformation Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

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

Reformation Sunday-Evening Service Tonight

Tonight we will be joining together for a special evening service 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 Saturday

This Saturday, **November 4th**, ABBA, A Women's Resource Center will be holding a fundraising walk at Back Bay in Portland. Please see Crystal Kepler if you would like to participate in the walk or if you would like to pledge a donation for this event. Today is your last chance.

Senior High Class

Nate and Sharie Pillsbury are having the Senior High Sunday School Class over to their home for a luncheon on Sunday, November 5th. Speak to them about helping by providing some of the food items. Be sure to read chapter 7 of the book "Growing up Christian" to prepare for your time together.

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
Session Meetings (*monthly*)

Park Avenue Church of God, Fridays, **6:30-7:30 am**
First and Third Tuesday nights 6:00-9:00

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Fifth Week	Woodward
Food	Team	Team
Usher		
Nursery	Jake & Monique Paris	Ruth & Hannah Welch
Kid's Q	Sarah & Katherine Cosgrove	Linda & Dan Southwick
Sound	Jordan Stewart	Jordan Stewart
Prayer	David Stewart	Doug Tedder

Finances: Last week our collection was \$3,397.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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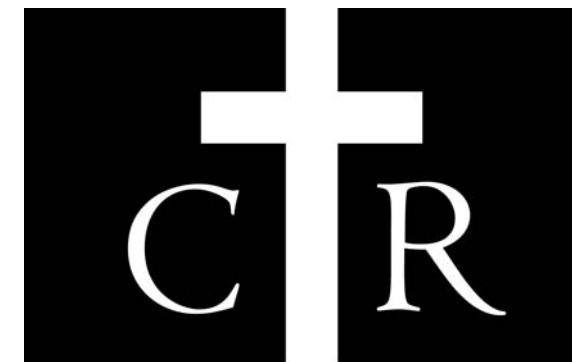
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Per Almquist
Evan Pillsbury
Joanne Crosby

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Associate Pastor
Musician-in-Residence
Office Manager

Service at Breakwater School 856 Brighton Ave Portland, ME. @ 10:30 AM

Sunday School for all ages at 9:15



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