

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

November 12, 2006

*The Lord's Day*<sup>1</sup>

### 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

*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 (Insert)

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

*Wordsworth*<sup>2</sup>

#### Prayer of Adoration

*(concluded by praying together):*

Mr. Robert Crosby

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

“I Lift My Eyes Up”

*Doerksen*<sup>3</sup>

I lift my eyes up to the mountains.  
Where does my help come from?  
My help comes from You,  
Maker of heaven, Creator of the earth.

Oh, how I need You, Lord.  
You are my only hope.  
You're my only prayer;  
So, I will wait for You  
To come and rescue me.  
Come and give me life.

I lift my eyes up to the mountains. Where does my help come from?

#### 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.

#### \*Songs of Renewal (363)

“We Gather Together”

*Kremser*

“Give Thanks”

*Smith*<sup>4</sup>

Give thanks  
With a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ, His Son.  
*(repeat)*

And now let the weak say,  
“I am strong.”  
Let the poor say, “I am rich”  
Because of what  
The Lord has done for us.  
*(repeat)*

Give thanks.

#### \*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

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

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

#### \*Scripture Reading (insert)

Deuteronomy 26:1-15

Jake & Monique Paris

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

#### The Sermon

“Fruits of Devotion”

Rev. Warren

**God is our Covenant-Keeping King** <sup>5</sup>

#### The Offertory

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism<sup>6</sup>

Minister: What is the chief end of man?

**People: Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.**

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<sup>5</sup> 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 at [www.MainePCA.org](http://www.MainePCA.org).

<sup>6</sup> A catechism is a Question and Answer format for teaching the truths contained in Scripture. The Westminster Shorter Catechism was written in 1647 in England primarily as an aid for teaching children. It has been used by congregations and families in both worship and instruction for the past 350 years.

Minister: What rule has God given to direct us in how to glorify and enjoy Him?

**People: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us as to how we may glorify and enjoy Him.**

#### \*Gloria Patri

*Greaterex*

Glory be to the Father  
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning

Is now and ever shall be  
World without end.  
Amen. Amen.

## 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: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.<sup>7</sup>

**People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.**

Minister: He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;”

**People: The Lord Almighty is with us; The God of Jacob is our fortress.**

### Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: God lives in a high and holy place,

**People: But also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit,**

Minister: To revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

**People: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

### Approaching the Lord's Table

*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 (Insert)

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

*Kaan*<sup>8</sup>

*Children may use the percussion instruments to help us celebrate as we sing*

## COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

#### \*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Warren

#### \*The Benediction

Jude 24-25

Rev. Warren

Minister: To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forever more.

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

#### Postlude

*Please join in partaking of some refreshments after the worship service.*

<sup>1</sup> Sunday is more than just the first day of the week. Each Sunday is a celebration of Jesus' victory over death in His resurrection Easter Sunday. The Lord of Creation has entered our world and changed everything. Just as God's people rested from work on the last day of the week to commemorate God's creative work, we now rest from worldly concerns on the first day of the week to celebrate His redeeming work.

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

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<sup>7</sup> This communion litany is taken from Psalm 46. The themes of God's presence with us and His power in conquering everything provide us hope. It is only in Him as our fortress that we can know His peace and rest. As we come to His table, let us look together to Him for our strength.

<sup>8</sup> Text: Fred Kaan, Music: Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, © 1975 Hope Publishing Co. CCLI License No. 1958155.

## Reflections

“When we go to prayer in the Psalms we find, often to our surprise, that we have been ushered to a pew in the vigorously rich worship of Israel. When David organized Israel into a worshipping congregation, thirty-eight thousand Levites were assigned to provide the leadership and support required (1 Chron. 23:3). Prayer in Israel was not left up to individuals to do or not do as they more or less felt inclined. This was a public works project of immense dimensions. It was neither private nor peripheral. Common worship takes precedence over private devotions.”

— Eugene H. Peterson

“The followers of Jesus are to be different, different from both the nominal church and the secular world, different from both the religious and the irreligious. [Theirs is a] value-system, ethical standard, religious devotion, attitude to money, ambition, lifestyle, and network of relationships— all of which are totally at variance with those in the non-Christian world. And this Christian counter-culture is the life of the kingdom of God, a fully human life indeed but lived out under divine rule.”

— 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.

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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 and Sharie Pillsbury, vocalists; Jake Paris, hand percussion; Mike Marchand, bass; Peter Dugas, piano.

Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Robert Crosby.

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## Highlights.....November 12, 2006

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Today

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

#### Thanksgiving Baskets

We will be helping the Root Cellar provide Thanksgiving baskets for the neighbors in their area. We have a goal to provide 400 1-pound bags of carrots and 65 pumpkin pies. Crystal Kepler is our coordinator and has sign-up sheets on the back table. Help us reach this goal that we might be a blessing to others and that we might bring glory to God as his children.

#### Praying for Central Maine Mission

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” (Acts 2:42) There won't be any apostles present, but we will focus on eating and praying. The next prayer meeting to pray for the central Maine church plant will be **Saturday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** in the home of Doug & Gwen Tedder. Come for one hour of prayer for the daughter church in Lewiston and to enjoy some of Beth's home-baked desserts. *Childcare will be provided.* Speak to the Almquists for more details.

#### Christmas Party

Ladies of CTR, you are invited to a Christmas Party being hosted by Sarah Peters at her new home. It will be held on Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. **December 13<sup>th</sup>**. A cookie swap is planned so choose your favorite recipe. Got some good holiday party ideas? Sarah is open to suggestions.

#### Dates to Remember

CTR Prayer Meetings  
Session Meetings (*monthly*)  
Root Cellar Dinner

Park Avenue Church of God, Fridays, **6:30-7:30 am**  
*First and Third Tuesday nights 6:00-9:00*  
**December 14, 2006**

### SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Soyster	Perkins
Food	Team	Team
Usher		
Nursery	Wendy & Kaylie Stewart	Gwen Tedder & Pat Grosser
Kid's Q	Paula & Alison Marchand	Steve & Katya Harmon
Sound	Jordan Stewart	Jordan Stewart
Prayer	Robert Crosby	Jim Mansfield

**Finances:** Last week our collection was \$9,971.20. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

### MINISTRY STAFF

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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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