

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

November 19, 2006

The Lord’s Day

Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Reverend Per Almqvist

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. Almqvist

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!

***Song of Exultation** (345) “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”

Hadyn

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 Maker and My King”

*A. Steele*¹

Scriptural Call to Repentance

Hebrews 4:14-16

Rev. Almqvist

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. Almqvist

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

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1

Rev. Almqvist

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

*Song of Renewal

“You Are My All in All”

*Jernigan*²

You are my strength when I am weak.
You are the treasure that I seek.
You are my All in All.
Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord, to give up I’d be a fool.
You are my All in All.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
Rising again I bless Your name.
You are my All in All.
When I fall down You pick me up,
When I am dry You fill my cup.
You are my All in All.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name. (2X)

*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. Almqvist

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 140)

Deuteronomy 26:16-19

Mr. Nathan Pillsbury

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“Holy People”

Rev. David Stewart

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!

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 (590)

“Jesus, Master, Whose I Am”

WELLS

*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Stewart

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

*The Benediction

Second Corinthians 13:14

Rev. Stewart

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

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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 at www.MainePCA.org.

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.

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.

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

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Reflections

“The treasure of the Gospel has been entrusted to the earthen vessels of our humanity for the salvation of the world, not for the securing of partisan advantage. We debase the Gospel and we debase the Body of Christ (which witnesses in history to God's saving work in Christ) when we use the Gospel as a partisan trump card. Our first loyalty—our overriding loyalty—is to God in Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit.”

— George Weigel

“Who can estimate the value of God's gift, when He gave to the world His only begotten Son? It is something unspeakable and incomprehensible. It passes man's understanding. Two things there are which man has no arithmetic to reckon, and no line to measure. One of these things is the extent of that man's loss who loses his own soul. The other is the extent of God's gift when he gave Christ to sinners... Sin must indeed be exceeding sinful, when the Father must needs give His only Son to be the sinner's Friend!”

— J.C. Ryle

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 and Cynthia Setchell, vocalists; Matthew Pillsbury, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Per Almquist and David Stewart.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....November 19, 2006

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

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

Home Fellowship

Home Fellowship Groups are one of the most important parts of life here at Christ The Redeemer. We have four groups meeting regularly. If you are interested and need information here is some basic contact information. This is a great way to get better acquainted with each other. Portland-@ Warren's home-phone 797-6384, Teen group @ Pillsbury's home-phone 883-2460 Gorham-Marchand's home-phone 839-9877, Gray,Windham,Casco region-Crosby phone 657-2445.

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 13th**. A cookie swap is planned so choose your favorite recipe. Got some good holiday party ideas? Sarah is open to suggestions.

Root Cellar Dinner

On Thursday, **December 14th** we will be the host church to serve the dinner for the neighbors. There are sign up sheets in the back. If you can help serve the meal, cook or buy something for the dinner please indicate this on the sign-up sheet. Keep this ministry in your prayers that we might be a blessing and be pleasing to God.

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 | Perkins | 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 | David Stewart |

Finances: Last week our collection was \$3,937.45. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

MINISTRY STAFF

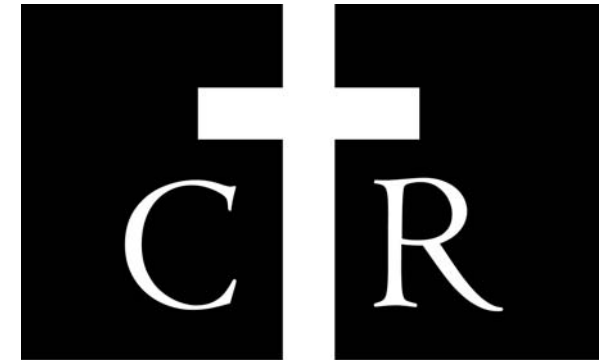
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