

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

February 18, 2007

Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Rev. 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 “Theme from “Sonata Pathetique” *L. Beethoven*

***Call to Worship** Psalm 95 Rev. Almquist

Minister: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Minister: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

All: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

***Song of Exultation** (101) “Come Thou Almighty King” *Giardini*

Prayer of Adoration *(concluded by praying together):* Mr. Richard Kurtz

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) “Jesus With Thy Church Abide” *Pollock/C. Miner*

Corporate Confession Rev. Almquist

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, n now and forever. Amen. (Adapted from John Knox's Liturgy of 1560)

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

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

Proclamation of Forgiveness Psalm 103:8-12 Rev. Almquist

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

***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

(repeat)

I am the Lord.
I am the Lord.
I am the Lord.
I am the Lord.

Do not fear.
Do not fear.
Do not fear.
Do not fear.

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 Mr. Richard Kurtz

After each petition:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Greeting and Announcements Miss Margaret Pearson

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

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

***Scripture Reading** (insert) Acts 9:10-19 Mr. Robert Crosby

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon “Chosen Instruments” Rev. Almquist

The Essence of the Church: A Study of Acts

The Offertory “Joshua Tree” *Noona*

***Affirmation of Faith** Westminster Confession of Faith X.I

People: All those whom God has predestinated unto life, and those only, he is pleased, in his appointed and accepted time, effectually to call, by his Word and Spirit, out of that state of sin and death, in which they are by nature, to grace and salvation, by Jesus Christ; enlightening their minds spiritually and savingly to understand the things of God, taking away their heart of stone, and giving unto them a heart of flesh; renewing their wills, and, by his almighty power, determining them to that which is good, and

effectually drawing them to Jesus Christ: yet so, as they come most freely, being made willing by his grace.

***Gloria Patri** *Greatorex*

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.

CELEBRATION OF 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 God¹

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** “Here I Am, Lord” *Schutte*²

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Chorus
Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

***Concluding Prayer** Rev. Almquist

¹ 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.

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COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

*The Benediction Second Thessalonians 3:16 Rev. Almquist
Minister: Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude "Minueto from 12 Danzas Espanolas" Enrique Granados

Reflections

I believe that the world, the flesh, and the devil conspire to persuade us that there is no hurry about turning to God and responding to His call. However, if the truth be told, time is running out fast. Procrastination is a very dangerous vice because it masquerades as "deferred obedience." When we procrastinate, we dodge the call of God. We delude ourselves when we perceive that the problem is "timing" rather than our resolve to respond promptly. The right time to respond to God's voice is always now—as soon as we hear it.

— Mark Slomka

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 & Cynthia Setchell vocalists; Hannah Welch, piano; Matthew Pillsbury, accompanist. Serving Communion: Per Almquist and Richard Kurtz.

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Highlights.....February 18, 2007

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today!

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

MOPS

The local Mothers of Pre-Schoolers has grown and needs more caregivers for the children. The meetings are held on the first and third Wed of each month during the school year. This is a ministry that some of our CTR moms attend. Compensation is available. If you are interested please contact Gwen Tedder at 774-2847.

The Truth Project

The 8:15AM class will be held ONLY if you call Dick and Ginny before Saturday noon to indicate that you would like to attend. They would be happy to show the preceding week's program class for anyone! The 9:15AM class will continue to be held weekly. The class meets on the 3rd floor of the school building. An elevator is available.

Family Builders Ministries

You are invited to a Gala Fundraising Celebration on Friday March 23, 2007. It will be at the Marriott in New Castle, NH. Dr. Gary Chapman is the speaker; he is the author of 15 books including "The Five Love Languages". For more information visit their website: www.familybuilders.net.

Dates to Remember

ABBA Baby Bottle Banks should be returned to church next Sunday- February 25th, 2006. CTR Prayer Meetings Fridays at 6:30 am Feb 12th and Feb 20th 2007- 6:00-9:00 p.m. Session Meetings March 15, 2007 Root Cellar Dinner March 15, 2007 Church Retreat September 21-22, 2007

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

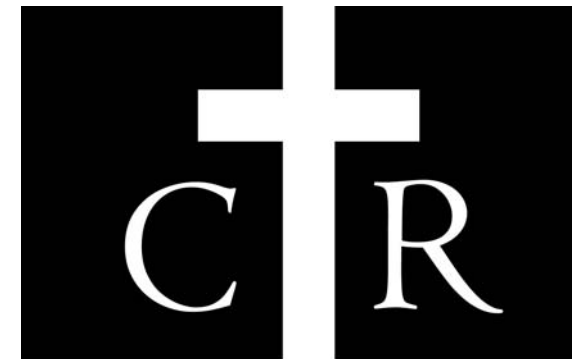
Table with 3 columns: Set Up, Food, Usher, Nursery, Kid's Q, Sound, Prayer. Rows for This Week and Next Week.

Finances: Last week our collection was \$3,233.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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Sunday School for all ages at 9:15



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