

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

April 15, 2007

Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Reverend Douglas Warren
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 “Sonatina, Movement I Sz55” *B. Bartok*

***Call to Worship** Psalms 133 and 149 Rev. Warren

Minister: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the people of Zion be glad in their king.
People: Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with tambourine and harp.

Minister: For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with salvation.

People: Let the saints rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on their beds.

***Song of Exultation (286)** “Worship Christ the Risen King” *REGENT SQUARE*

***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) “Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks” *Fishel¹*

Corporate Confession² The Reverend David Stewart

Leader: As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

People: All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.

Leader: But God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

People: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Leader: For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.

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

Proclamation of Forgiveness Psalm 103:11-13 Rev. Stewart
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. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

Song of Renewal “Shout to the Lord” *Zscheck³*

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You, All of my days, I want to praise, The wonders of Your mighty love. My comfort, my shelter, Tower of refuge and strength. Let every breath, all that I am, Never cease to worship You.	“Shout to the Lord” Shout to the Lord All the earth let us sing, Power and majesty praise to the King. Mountains bow down And the seas will roar, At the sound of Your name. I sing for joy at the work of Your hands. Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.	<i>Zscheck³</i>
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***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 Jim Mansfield
We long to pray with and for you. To this end, we encourage any who would like prayer to contact an elder of the church this morning or throughout the week, to fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering, or to contact the church office so that we may be praying for you.

Greeting and Announcements Miss Margaret Pearson

Children ages 3-6 are excused to **Kids’ Quest** at this time.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

***Scripture Reading** (insert) Acts 15:20-41, 16:1-5 Mr. Nathan Pillsbury

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon The Messiness of the Church Rev. Warren
The Essence of the Church
Sermon Series on the Book of Acts

The Offertory “Sonatina, Movement II, Sz55” *B. Bartok*

***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!

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 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** “At the Cross” *Butler⁷*

I know a place, a wonderful place Where accused and condemned Find mercy and grace, Where the wrongs we have done And the wrongs done to us Were nailed there with Him, There on the cross.	At the cross, (at the cross) He died for our sin. At the cross, (at the cross) He gave us life again. <i>(repeat)</i>
(repeat all) I know a place, a wonderful place.	

***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 “Sonatina, Movement III, Sz55” *B. Bartok*

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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.

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

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² From Ephesians 2:1-4; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Isaiah 53:6; Luke 19:10.

Reflections

One hundred religious persons knit into a unity by careful organization do not constitute a church any more than eleven dead men make a football team. The first requisite is life, always.

—A.W. Tozer
Man: The Dwelling Place of God

He will also judge those who cause divisions. Void of the love of God, they look to their own advantage and not to the unity of the church; for small and trifling reasons they rend the great and glorious body of Christ into pieces.

— St. Irenaeus

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, vocalist; Matthew Pillsbury, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Dave Stewart and Jim Mansfield.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....April 15, 2007

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER

Friday Morning Prayer- <i>Park Ave Church of God-Portland</i>	Fridays at 6:30 AM
Sunday Morning Prayer- <i>Breakwater School</i>	Sundays at 8:30 AM
Women's Bible Study- <i>Margaret Pearson-774-0524</i>	twice monthly Thursdays at 5:00 PM
Home Fellowship Groups	
Casco, Windham, Gray Region- <i>Robert Crosby-657-2445</i>	weekly Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
South Portland-@ <i>Ballada home-767-6002-teacher Dave Stewart 221-2784</i>	1 st & 3 rd Sundays at 5:30 PM
Gorham-@ <i>Marchand home-839-9877-teacher Dave Stewart 221-2784</i>	2 nd and 4 th Sundays at 5:30 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

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

Women's Group

The older women of the church met for the first time last week and are getting together again on April 26th at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Hope Lichtman. This group is intended to encourage women to share their gifts with each other and use them to reach out with the gospel message. For more details talk to Jeanne Mansfield or Hope Lichtman.

New Sunday School Class

The Truth Project ends next Sunday. Starting April 22nd there will be a new SS study beginning for teens and adults. For six weeks we will be exploring what is the standard of truth and what we believe concerning Scripture using a video study called *Hath God Said* produced by Ligonier Ministry.

Weekend to Remember

There will be a Family Life weekend to remember conference on May 4-6th, 2007. It will be at the South Portland Marriott at Sable Oaks. This conference can benefit couples at all stages from being engaged to celebrating 50 years or more together. Brochures are available on the greeter table. A group of 5 couples or more can receive special discounts.

Dates to Remember

Session Meetings	First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 p.m.
NNE Presbytery Meeting	Saturday April 21, 2007
ABBA's Community Awareness Fundraiser Banquet	Thurs. May 10, 2007
Vacation Bible School	July 23-27, 2007
Church Retreat	September 21-22, 2007

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Perkins Team	Pillsbury Team
Nursery	Doug & Gwen Tedder	Margaret Pearson, _____
Kid's Q	Steve & Katya Harmon	Kathryn Pillsbury
Sound	Jordan Stewart	Jordan Stewart
Prayer	Jim Mansfield	_____

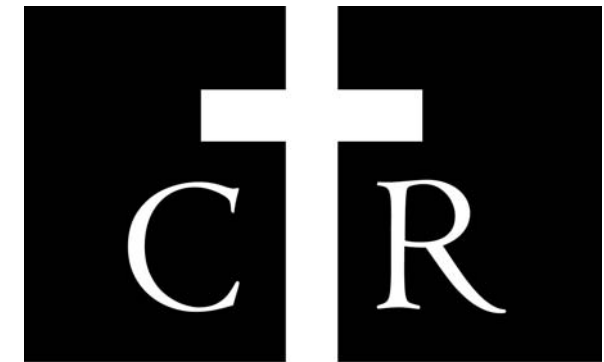
Finances: Last week our collection was \$3,498.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

MINISTRY STAFF

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Douglas Warren	Pastor
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Evan Pillsbury	Musician-in-Residence
Joanne Crosby	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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SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2007

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