

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

April 22, 2007

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

“Gospel Song”

*Jones*¹

Call to Worship

Isaiah 2:2 ,3, 5

The Reverend Per Almquist

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

*Song of Exultation (Insert)

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”
“Great is the Lord”

*Wordsworth*²
*Smith*³

Prayer of Adoration

(concluded by praying together):

Rev. Almquist

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

Scriptural Call to Repentance

Psalm 130:3-4

Rev. Warren

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

Song of Preparation (Insert)

“The Gospel Song”

*Jones*⁴

Corporate Confession⁵

Most holy and merciful Father; We acknowledge and confess in Your Presence: Our sinful nature prone to evil and sluggish in good; And all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned: In wandering from Your ways; In wasting Your gifts; In forgetting Your love. But You, O Lord, have pity upon us; Who are ashamed and sorry for all in which we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors; Cleanse us from our secret faults; And forgive our sins; For the sake of Your dear Son our Savior. And O most holy and loving Father; Send Your purifying grace into our hearts, we

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

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⁵ Henry Van Dyke, *Confession of Sins*

beseech You; That we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways; According to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Reflection/Confession

Please take a few moments to pray privately

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Psalm 130:7-8

Rev. Warren

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

*Song of Renewal (283)

“Alleluia!, Alleluia!”

Williams

*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.

Ms. Cynthia Setchell

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

*Scripture Reading (insert)

Acts 16:16-34

Mr. Jim Mansfield

Reader:

The Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

The Songs of the Church
The Essence of the Church

Sermon Series on the Book of Acts

Rev. Warren

The Offertory

“Easter Song”

*Greene*⁶

*Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism⁷

Minister:

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People:

That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Minister:

What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

People:

Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

*Creed Song

Rev 4 & 5

*Dudley-Smith*⁸

Heavenly hosts in ceaseless worship
Holy, holy, holy’ cry;
He who is, who was and will be,
God Almighty, Lord most high.
Praise and honour, power and glory,

All creation, all redemption,
Join to sing the Saviour’s worth;
Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us
Kings and priests, to reign on earth.
Wealth and wisdom, power and glory,

Be to him who reigns alone;
We, with all his hands have fashioned,
Fall before the Father’s throne.

Honour, might, dominion, praise,
Now be his from all his creatures
And to everlasting days.

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 Christ by faith to be strengthened and renewed as they eat bread and drink wine. All those who trust in Jesus 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 participating, we invite you to consider the prayers found below.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister:

God spoke these words, and said, “I am the Lord thy God:⁹

People:

You shall have no other gods before Me.

Minister:

You shall not make for yourself any graven image . . .you shall not bow down to them nor serve them: for I the Lord your God am a jealous God.

People:

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that takes His name in vain.

Minister:

Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy.

People:

Honor your father and mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

Minister:

You shall not kill.

People:

You shall not commit adultery.

Minister:

You shall not steal.

People:

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Minister:

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

All:

Lord, have mercy on us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister:

We come to this table as lawbreakers.

People:

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Minister:

We come to this table as the holy people of God.

People:

Jesus the righteous One has made us a holy nation, God’s own people.

Drawing Near in Community of Faith

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)

“I Will Glory in My Redeemer”

*Cook*¹⁰

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Almquist

*The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

Minister:

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People:

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

“O Day Of Rest And Gladness”

*Wordsworth*¹¹

⁹ The Ten Commandments have been used in conjunction with the Lord’s Supper for centuries. It is especially appropriate as we understand that it is only through Christ’s sustaining grace that we are able to keep God’s perfect law. May He strengthen us to walk in the light as He is in the light.

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Reflections

He who does not believe in God will not believe in God's people either. But he who has come to believe in God's people will have his eyes opened to the glory of God, even if he was unable to see it before. Only the masses of simple, humble people and their growing spiritual power will be able to convert the atheists...And what good is the Word of Christ without an example? A nation is lost without the Word of God, for every human soul thirsts for the good and the beautiful.

—Fyodor Dostoevsky
The Brothers Karamazov

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.

*Congregation Stands

Musicians: Beth Almquist, vocals; Mike Marchand, bass, Jake Paris, hand percussions; Matthew Pillsbury, accompanist.

Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Per Almquist

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....April 22, 2007

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

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

Older Women's Group

The next meeting will be 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

A new SS study began today 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.

Welcome to Christ the Redeemer Class

This will be a class for those wanting to become members or to learn more about CTR. It will be held on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. and will run for four weeks. There will also be another class on Saturday, May 12th all day which will cover the same material. Questions? Talk to Pastor Warren.

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

ABBA Banquet

On May 10th the Community Awareness Fundraising Banquet will be held at Keeley the Katerer 178 Warren Ave Portland. A complimentary dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. and the program will follow. An offering will be taken to benefit the ministry. See Crystal Kepler with questions.

Dates to Remember

Session Meetings First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 p.m.
 Root Cellar Dinner Thursday May 17, 2007
 Vacation Bible School July 23-27, 2007
 Church Retreat September 21-22, 2007

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Pillsbury Team	Soyster Team
Nursery	Margaret Pearson, Sarah Cosgrove	Jake & Monique Paris
Kid's Q	Katherine Cosgrove	Kathryn Pillsbury
Sound	Jordan Stewart	Jordan Stewart
Prayer	Per Almquist	Robert Crosby

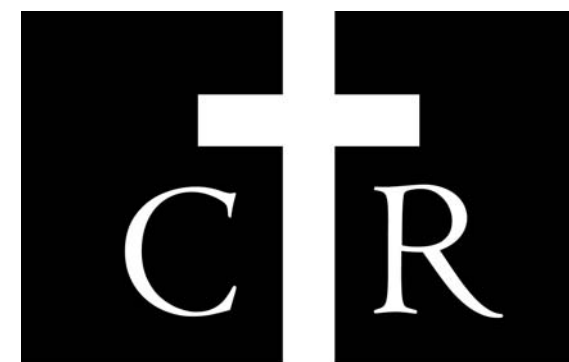
Finances: Last week our collection was \$6,020.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

MINISTRY STAFF

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Douglas Warren	Pastor
Per Almquist	Associate Pastor
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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