

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

May 13, 2007

*The Lord's Day'*

### 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

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners”

*HYFRYDOL*

#### \*Call to Worship

*Psalm 47*

The Reverend David Stewart

Minister: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**All: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.**

Minister: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**All: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

#### \*Song of Exultation (295)

“Lord Most High”

*Harris/Sadler*<sup>2</sup>

(Men) From the ends of the earth, (women echo)

“ from the depth of the sea, “ “

“ from the heights of the heavens “ “

(All) Your name be praised.

(Men) From the hearts of the weak, (women echo)

“ from the shouts of the strong, “ “

“ from the lips of all people “ “

(All) this song we raise, Lord.

Chorus (All):

Throughout the endless ages  
You will be crowned with praises,  
Lord Most High.  
Exalted in every nation,  
Sovereign of all creation, Lord Most High,  
Be magnified, be magnified.

#### \*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

#### Scriptural Call to Repentance

Hosea 14:1

Rev. Stewart

Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God,  
for you have stumbled because of your iniquity.

#### Song of Preparation

“Gospel Song”

*Kauflin*<sup>3</sup>

Holy God, in love, became  
perfect Man to bear my blame.  
On the cross he took my sin.  
By his death I live again.

#### Corporate Confession

Rev. Stewart<sup>4</sup>

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: we acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: through Jesus Christ our Lord..

#### Silent Reflection/Confession

*Please take a few moments to pray privately*

#### Proclamation of Forgiveness

Hosea 14:4-5

Rev. Stewart

I will heal their apostasy; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them. I will be like the dew to Israel; he shall blossom like the lily; he shall take root like the trees of Lebanon.

#### \*Song of Renewal (Insert)

“The Wonderful Cross”

*Tomlin, Watts, et al*<sup>5</sup>

#### \*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. 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

Mrs. Sharie Pillsbury

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

### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

#### \*Scripture Reading (insert)

Acts 19:23-41

Jake & Monique Paris

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

#### The Sermon

The Disturbance of the Church

Rev. Warren

**The Essence of the Church**

*Sermon Series on the Book of Acts*

#### The Offertory

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

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

Minister: Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

**People: The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and**

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<sup>4</sup> Adapted from John Calvin's Geneva Liturgy of 1543

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<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.

continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

Minister: How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

**People: Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.**

#### \*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: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**People: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Minister: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

**People: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**

#### Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

**People: He will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.**

Minister: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,

**People: And I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD**

#### 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 (498)

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners”

*HYFRYDOL*

### COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

#### \*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Warren

#### \*The Benediction

Jude 24-25

Rev. Warren

Minister: Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.

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

#### Postlude

“Lord Most High”

*Harris/Sadler*<sup>7</sup>

<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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# Reflections

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...a Christian 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  
*The Message of the Sermon on the Mount*

In the judgment of the true Christian, credit and reputation stand on ground not very different from riches. He should not prize them too highly or desire and pursue them with too much concern. However, when the hand of Providence gives them to him, he is to accept them with thankfulness and use them with moderation. He should be able to relinquish them, if it becomes necessary, without murmur.

— William Wilberforce  
*Real Christianity*

## 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 is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a denomination committed to the historic Christian faith.

Musicians: Evan Pillsbury, vocalist; Jake Paris, hand percussion; Mike Marchand, bass.  
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Jim Mansfield.

## CHRIST THE REDEEMER

# Highlights.....May 13, 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* 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 5:30 PM  
Gorham-@ *Marchand home-839-9877-teacher Dave Stewart 221-2784* 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 5:30 PM

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Today

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

#### Central Maine Mission

What is the next step in planting the daughter church? Come next Sunday and hear more from Pastor Almquist. He will be sharing with us after the worship service.

#### Root Cellar Dinner

Our church will be serving the Thursday night dinner at The Root Cellar **this week** on May 17<sup>th</sup>. A sign up sheet is on the back table. Please consider helping by cooking or buying something for this meal. Also sign up if you would like to help serve the meal and greet the neighbors. Questions should be directed to Joanne Crosby.

#### Romanian Mission

On June 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be taking a special offering for the Presbytery Mission trip to Romania in July. This offering is being taken throughout the churches in our Presbytery. Your gift will be a great blessing to the Christians in Romania and will help spread the gospel in Gods kingdom.

#### Dates to Remember

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

### SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

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

**Finances:** Last week our collection was \$4,723.50. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

### MINISTRY STAFF

(207) 878-1211 [www.MainePCA.org](http://www.MainePCA.org)

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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to Portland, New England, and the world.**



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2007

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