

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

May 20, 2007

Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Reverend Douglas 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

“Largo”

A. Vivaldi¹

*Call to Worship

Psalm 96:7-10

Rev. Warren

Minister: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth! Say among the nations:

All: The LORD reigns!

*Song of Exultation (8) “Mighty God, While Angels Bless You”

Lowe

*Prayer of Adoration *(concluded by praying together):*

Mr. Robert Crosby

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 (111)

“This Is My Father’s World”

Sheppard

Scriptural Call to Repentance

Hebrews 4:14-16

The Reverend Per Almquist

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.*

Corporate Confession²

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, now and forever.

Silent Reflection/Confession

Please take a few moments to pray privately

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1

Rev. Almquist

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

Song of Renewal (447)

“Christ for the World We Sing”

Giardini

*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!

Extending Gods Grace

Rev. Per Almquist

Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World

Mr. Robert Crosby

We encourage any who would like prayer to contact any elder this morning or anytime, 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 20:17-38

Mr. Nathan Pillsbury

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

The Affection of the Church

Rev. Warren

Sermon Series on the Book of Acts—The Essence of the Church

The Offertory

“Largo”

A. Vivaldi³

*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.

*Gloria Patri

Greatorex

Glory be to the Father

Is now and ever shall be

And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

World without end.

As it was in the beginning

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.

³ From Sonata VI in F for Violoncello.

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;

People: And as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Minister: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

People: Yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

Minister: But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;

People: Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world,

People: Have mercy upon us!

Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world,

People: Grant us your peace!

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Approaching Christ’s Communion Together

Please listen carefully to the minister’s explanation of communion.

All who are prepared to come to the Lord’s table may 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”

Schutte⁶

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?

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?

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.

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. Warren

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

*The Benediction

Revelation 1:4-6

Rev. Warren

Minister: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

“Allegro”

A. Vivaldi⁷

¹ From Sonata VI in F for Violoncello. Previous selection was an Allegro from the same work.

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

² Adapted from John Knox’s Liturgy of 1560

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⁷ From Sonata VI in F for Violoncello.

Reflections

The greatest thing you'll ever learn is just to love, and be loved in return.

— *Moulin Rouge*

Love consists in giving without getting in return; in giving what is not owed, what is not due the other. That's why true love is never based, as associations for utility or pleasure are, on a fair exchange.

— Mortimer Adler

Submission is the giving up of one's own will and agenda for life for the benefit of another person. It is putting oneself in alignment to the greater good of the other. Submission is not obeying another; it is putting oneself under the other to serve the good of God for that person's life.

— Dan Allender and Tremper Longman
Intimate Allies

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: Cynthia Setchell, vocalist; Evan Pillsbury, violoncello; Matthew Pillsbury, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Robert Crosby.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....May 20, 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.

Central Maine Mission

What is the next step in planting the daughter church? Stay after worship and hear more from Pastor Almquist. He will be sharing with us during the refreshment time.

Sunday School

The last Sunday School class for the semester will be on May 27th. We will resume classes in September 2007.

Romanian Mission

On June 3rd 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 PM
General Assembly-Memphis TN June 11-15, 2007
Vacation Bible School July 23-27, 2007
Root Cellar Dinner August 30, 2007
Church Retreat September 21-22, 2007

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Perkins Team	Pillsbury Team
Nursery	Doug & Gwen Tedder	Joanne Crosby & Margaret Pearson
Kid's Q	Steve & Katya Harmon	Kathryn Pillsbury
Sound	Jordan Stewart	Jordan Stewart
Prayer	Robert Crosby	Per Almquist

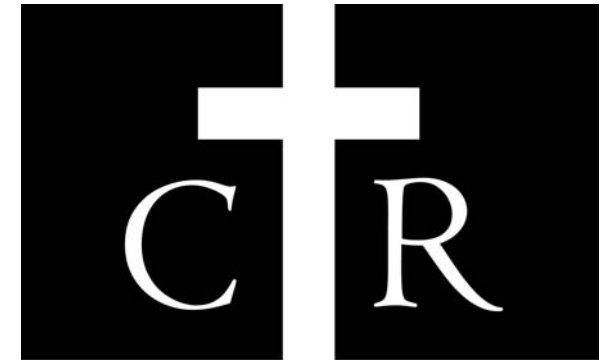
Finances: Last week our collection was \$3,955.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

MINISTRY STAFF

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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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