

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

May 27, 2007

The Day of Pentecost¹

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

Call to Worship

Zephaniah 3:14-15

Rev. Warren

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

***Songs of Exultation** (Insert/V.1,2,5) “O Day of Rest and Gladness” *C. Miner*
(7) “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” *DUKE STREET*

Prayer of Adoration

(concluded by praying together):

Rev. Warren

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

Isaiah 30:15, 18

The Reverend David Stewart

For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." But you were unwilling...Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

Song of Preparation (726)

“Spirit of the Living God”

Iverson

Corporate Confession

from Psalm 25

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD! For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

Silent Reflection/Confession

Please take a few moments to pray privately

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Ezekiel 36:25-28

Rev. Stewart

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

*Song of Renewal (164)

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Glaser

*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 Christ’s Grace

Graduation

Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World

Rev. Stewart

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. Kristen Warren

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

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

*Scripture Reading (Pg. 774)

Acts 21:15-26

Mr. Dana Perkins

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Sermon

The Freedom and Tension of the Church

Rev. Warren

Sermon Series on the Book of Acts

The Essence of the Church

The Offertory

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

J. Ward

*Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism²
and the Westminster Larger Catechism

Minister: What do you believe concerning the Holy Ghost?

People: **First, that He is true and coeternal God with the Father and the Son; secondly, that He is also given me, to make me by a true faith, partaker of Christ and all His benefits, that He may comfort me and abide with me for ever.**

Minister: How does it appear that the Son and the Holy Ghost are God equal with the Father?

People: **The Scriptures manifest that the Son and the Holy Ghost are God equal with the Father, ascribing unto them such names, attributes, works, and worship, as are proper to God only.**

*Creed Song

Rev 4 & 5

Dudley-Smith³

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

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,
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: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment. ⁴

People: **And the second is like it: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” All the Law and Prophets hang on these two commandments.**

Minister: All who rely on observing the law are under a curse...Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us.

People: **He will save his people from their sins.**

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

“Come Just As You Are”

Sabolick⁵

Come just as you are.

Hear the Spirit call.

Come just as you are.

Come and see, come receive,

Come and live forever.

Repeat

Life everlasting.

And strength for today.

Taste the Living Water,

And never thirst again.

Repeat

Come just as you are.

Hear the Spirit call.

Come just as you are.

Come receive, Christ the King

Come and live Forevermore

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Stewart

*The Benediction

Romans 15:13

Minister: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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

Postlude

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

C. Miner

¹ Pentecost originated as the feast of weeks as a celebration and offering to God at the conclusion of the grain harvest. It served as the primary occasion for covenant renewal and God used this time to renew His promises to His people through the gift of the Holy Spirit recorded in Acts 2:1-13.

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

² Catechisms are a question and answer format used for teaching in the church. The Heidelberg Catechism was written in 1563 and is known as the book of comfort because of its deep personal and devotional approach. The Westminster Larger Catechism was written in 1648 and provides a well-structured guide to applying the Word of God in the practical context of everyday life.

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⁴ The Law of God has 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.. The communion litany is taken from the following passages: Matthew 22:37-40, Galatians 3:10, 13, Matthew 1:21, Romans 3:23, and 1 Peter 2:9-10.

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Reflections

Welcome to the fall out
 Welcome to resistance
 The tension is here, the tension is here
 Between who you are, and who you could be
 Between how it is, and how it should be
 I dare you to move

—Switchfoot

Time and time again on the university campus, you are told that freedom of ideas is the most important idea...Freedom is the great illusion...Everyone is enslaved to something. The goal of faith is to make you enslaved to the right stuff...Christians exist to demonstrate to our culture that true freedom is being yoked to what is true—Jesus.

— Stanley Hauerwas, *The Door*

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.

*Congregation Stands

Musicians: Evan & Kathryn Pillsbury, vocalists; Mike Marchand, bass, Jake Paris, hand percussions; Matthew Pillsbury, accompanist.
 Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Dave Stewart.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....May 27, 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.

Sunday School

Today is the last Sunday School class for the semester. We will resume classes in September 2007.

Missions in China

Please join Sarah Cosgrove, who will be at the Marchand Fellowship Group **tonight** at 6 pm to talk about her time in China. Food and fellowship begin at 5:30. The regular study will follow her visit.

Romanian Mission

Next Sunday, 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.

ABBA, A Women's Resource Center

On June 30th ABBA will have a Bake Sale at Falmouth Wal-mart from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you would like to donate some baked goods for the sale drop them off at Wal-mart that morning or at the ABBA office Friday 11:00 am-3:00 pm. Please label your items.

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	Pillsbury Team	Woodward Team
Nursery	Joanne Crosby & Margaret Pearson	Sarah Peters & Trisha Scribellito
Kid's Q	Kathryn Pillsbury	Linda and Noah Southwick
Sound	Jordan Stewart	Jordan Stewart
Prayer	Doug Warren	Doug Tedder

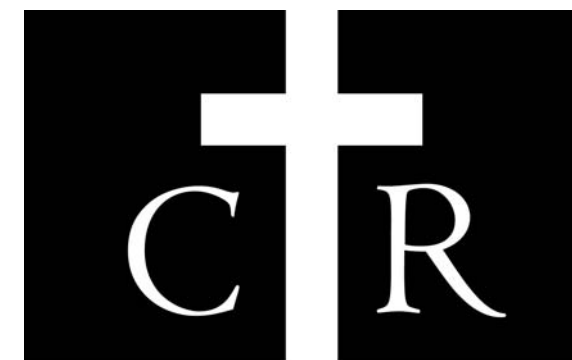
Finances: Last week our collection was \$4,676.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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



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