

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

June 3, 2007

The Lord's Day'

Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Reverend Per Almquist

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 "Seasons" *Charles Fox*

***Call to Worship** Psalm 100 The Reverend Per Almquist

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

All: **For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

***Hymn of Exultation** (100) "Holy, Holy, Holy!" *NICAEA*

***Prayer of Adoration** *(concluded by praying together):* Mr. Doug Tedder

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 6 Rev. Almquist

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Song of Preparation "Gospel Song" *Drew Jones*

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. Almquist²

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 Psalm 103 Rev. Almquist

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. 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.

***Song of Renewal** (263) "Lift High the Cross" *Nicholson*

***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 The Reverend Douglas D. Warren
Praise Requests

Greeting and Announcements Mrs. Terry Cosgrove

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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

***Scripture Reading** (Page 774) Acts 22:1-22 Mr. Brian Cosgrove

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Sermon "The Scandal of the Church" Rev. Warren
Sermon Series on the Book of Acts—The Essence of the Church

The Offertory "In the Garden" *arr. Gina Sprunger*

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed³

Minister: Christian, what do you believe concerning God, the Father?

People: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

Minister: What do you believe concerning Jesus?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Minister: Christian, what do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit and His work?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic⁴ church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Alleluia, alleluia

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Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Oh, praise Him, Oh, praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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 be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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.**

Approaching the King's Feast

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** (345) "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" *Haydn*

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

***Concluding Prayer** Rev. Warren

***The Benediction** Hebrews 13:20-21 Rev. Warren

Minister: Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

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

Postlude

¹ Each Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection from the dead by Jesus. His triumph over death is the basis for our hope. The first day of the week now points us forward to the certainty of His return.

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

² Adapted from John Knox's Liturgy of 1560

³ The Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of the teachings of the apostles. Originally used as a baptismal confession in the second century, it was developed into its current form by the sixth or seventh century.

⁴ The term "catholic" is used here in its generic sense of the universal church, not to refer to a denomination.

Reflections

“Unity and diversity, and never one without the other...”

—Albert Camus

“The main problem, then, in the Christian life is that we have not thought out the deep implications of the gospel, we have not “used” the gospel in and on all parts of our life. Richard Lovelace says that most people’s problems are just a failure to be oriented to the gospel—a failure to grasp and believe it through and through.”

—Tim Keller

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.

Musicians: Eric Mathis, vocalist; Hannah Welch, piano; SaraBeth Pillsbury, violin; Beth Almquist, viola; Matthew Pillsbury, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Doug Tedder.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....June 3, 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* *call for the Summer Schedule*
Home Fellowship Groups
Casco, Windham, Gray Region-*Robert Crosby-657-2445* *call for the Summer Schedule*
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.

Romanian Mission

Today 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.

VBS/Sports Camp

We are scheduled to have VBS and Soccer Camp July 23-27. A team of 14 adults and teens are coming from Covenant Presbyterian Church. They will need volunteer workers from CTR to assist them. Are you available that week and would you like to help? A sign up sheet is on the back table.

Central Maine Mission

The session shared with us two weeks ago about the support raising that is needed for beginning the daughter church. Pledge cards were handed out at that meeting. Don’t forget to turn yours in. Remember that Per has a matching grant which will double the amount of your gift! If you need more information please see Per or one of the other elders. Pledge cards are on the greeter table.

Dates to Remember

Session Meetings *First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 PM*
General Assembly (Our denomination’s annual meeting)-Memphis TN June 11-15, 2007
Summer Day Camp (Vacation Bible School and Soccer Camp) July 23-27, 2007
Root Cellar Dinner August 10, 2007
Church Retreat September 21-22, 2007

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Pillsbury Team	Guliani Team
Nursery	Sarah Peters & Trisha Scribellito	Wendy & Kaylie Stewart
Kid’s Q	Linda and Noah Southwick	Paula & Alison Marchand
Sound	Jordan Stewart	Jordan Stewart
Prayer	Doug Tedder	Robert Crosby

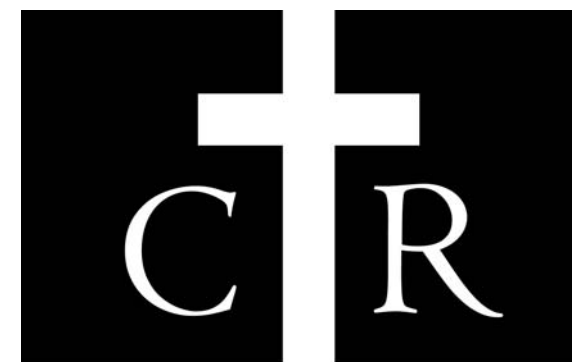
Finances: Last week our collection was \$4,044.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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



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