

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

June 17, 2007

Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Rev. Doug 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

Isaiah 52:7-10

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Minister: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns!” The voice of your watchman – they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you waste place of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

***Song of Exultation (115)** “All Creatures of Our God and King” *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

***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

Song of Preparation (170)

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Silesian folk song

Scriptural Call to Repentance

Isaiah 43:24

Rev. Warren

You have burdened me with your sins; you have wearied me with your iniquities.

Corporate Confession

Rev. Warren

Almighty God, merciful Father, we troubled and penitent sinners confess to You our sins and iniquities with which we have offended You and for which we justly deserve Your punishment. We are sorry for them and repent of them and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of Your suffering and the death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to us. Give us Your Holy Spirit and bring us to life everlasting.

Silent Reflection/Confession *Please take a few moments to pray privately*

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Isaiah 54:8, 43:25, 44:22

Rev. Warren

With everlasting love I will have compassion on you, says the LORD your Redeemer. I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins. Return to me, for I have redeemed you.

*Song of Renewal

“You Are My All in All”

*Jernigan*¹

You are my strength when I am weak.
You are the treasure that I seek.
You are my All in All.
Seeking You as a precious jew’l
Lord, to give up I’d be a fool.
You are my All in All.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
Rising again I bless Your name.
You are my All in All.
When I fall down You pick me up,
When I am dry You fill my cup.
You are my All in All.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name. (2X)

***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

Ms Cynthia Setchell

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

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

*Scripture Reading (insert)

Romans 8:18-30

Mr. Dana Perkins

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Sermon

Our Identity in Christ

The Rev. John Hoeplich

Groaning and Growing Together

The Offertory

*Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism²

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.**

*Gloria Patri

Greatorex

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning

Is now and ever shall be
World without end.
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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: Behold, the Lamb of God³

People: **Who takes away the sin of the world!**

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: Believe in the Lord, and give Him eternal praise and thanks!

People: **Lord Christ, help us to believe in You and always give You thanks and praise.**

Minister: Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.

People: **This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast.**

Minister: Christ said, “I am the bread of life.”

People: **He is our portion and our life.**

Approaching Christ’s Communion Together

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** (261) “What Wondrous Love Is This”

Southern Harmony

*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Warren

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

*The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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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

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² Catechisms are a question and answer format used for teaching in the church. The Heidelberg Catechism was written in 1563 and approved by the Church at the Synod of Dort (1618-1619).

³ This communion litany is based on the one used in Strassburg, Switzerland in the dawning of the Protestant Reformation. The Scriptural quotations are from Hebrews and the Gospel of John.

Reflections

“The only reason sin has any power in the lives of believers is that we love it. If we didn’t love it, sin would never have any power over us. So how do we get to not love it? The overwhelming love for Christ is the only thing to drive out our love for sin and so free his people from the power of sin.”
Bryan Chapell

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: David Stewart and Cynthia Setchell, vocalists; Rebecca Helie, flute; Johnathan Bauer, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Jim Mansfield.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....June 17, 2007

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER

Friday Morning Prayer- <i>Park Ave Church of God-Portland</i>	Fridays at 6:30 AM
Sunday Morning Prayer- <i>Breakwater School</i>	Sundays at 9:30 AM
Women’s Bible Study- <i>Margaret Pearson-774-0524</i>	<i>call for the Summer Schedule</i>
Home Fellowship Groups	
Casco, Windham, Gray Region- <i>Robert Crosby-657-2445</i>	<i>call for the Summer Schedule</i>
Gorham- <i>@ Marchand home-839-9877-teacher Dave Stewart 221-2784</i>	<i>call for the Summer Schedule</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

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

Summer Adult Sunday School

Would you like an opportunity to continue growing in the wisdom and knowledge of our Lord? We will be offering an adult class this summer from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. beginning on July 1 and continuing through August 5. There will be no child care for this class, but all are welcome. The topic is TBD.

Peony Picnic Today

After the worship service today come and enjoy each other’s company and the annual heirloom peony bloom at Audubon’s Gilsland Farm, Rt. 1, in Falmouth. Bring a picnic and blanket/chairs, walk the gentle trails on this old saltwater farm, tour the community garden. Bathrooms are available, but no dogs allowed. Flyers and maps are available on the usher’s table. Questions? See Joan Perkins (799-7674).

VBS/Sports Camp

Our VBS and Soccer Camp will be held July 23-27. A team of 14 folks are coming from Covenant Presbyterian in Fayetteville, GA. They will need us to assist them. The sign up sheet is on the greeter table. Please sign up to help as soon as possible indicating how many days you can attend.

Central Maine Mission

The session shared with us two weeks ago about the support raising that is needed for beginning the daughter church. Don’t forget to turn your pledge card 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. Additional pledge cards are on the greeter table.

Dates to Remember

Session Meetings	<i>First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 PM</i>
Church Retreat	September 21-22, 2007

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Perkins Team	Pillsbury Team
Nursery	Brian & Sarah Russell	Margaret Pearson & Joanne Crosby
Kid’s Q	Steve & Katya Harmon	Kathryn Pillsbury
Sound	Jordan Stewart	Jordan Stewart
Prayer	Jim Mansfield	Dick Kurtz

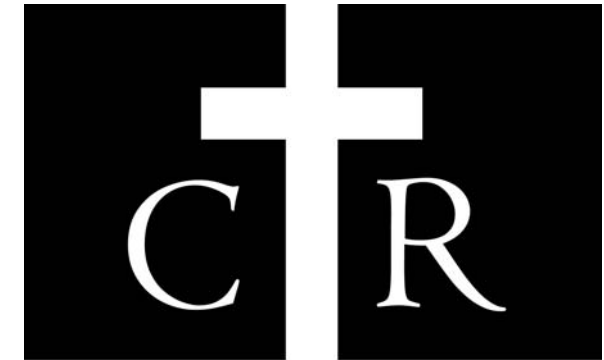
Finances: Last week our collection was \$6,525.25. The total offering given for Romania came to \$1000.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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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