

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

July 8, 2007

*The Lord's Day*<sup>1</sup>

### 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

*Matthew 11:28-29*

*Minister:* Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.

**People:** We come because the Father by His grace has revealed You to us. We come to You Lord Christ that we might find rest.

### \*Song of Exultation (Insert)

“Here In This Place”

*C. Davis*<sup>2</sup>

### \*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

### Scriptural Call to Repentance

Rev. Warren

I know, O LORD, that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps. Correct me, O LORD, but in justice; not in your anger, lest you bring me to nothing.

### Song of Preparation

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

*Bannister*<sup>3</sup>

Create in me a clean heart, oh God, And renew a right spirit within me. Create in me a clean heart, oh God, And renew a right spirit within me.	Cast me not away From Thy presence, oh Lord. (and) Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy Of Thy salvation. And renew a right spirit within me.
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Create in me a clean heart, oh God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.

*(repeat)*

### Corporate Confession

Rev. Warren<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

2 Corinthians 5:20-21

Rev. Warren

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### \*Song of Renewal

“Give Thanks”

*Smith*<sup>5</sup>

Give thanks With a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One; Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. <i>(repeat)</i>	And now let the weak say, “I am strong.” Let the poor say, “I am rich” Because of what The Lord has done for us. <i>(repeat)</i>
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Give thanks.

### \*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. Robert Crosby

*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

### Psalm Singing

(Insert)

“The Foolish in Their Hearts Deny”

*Van Oss*

### \*Scripture Reading (Page 381)

Psalm 14

Jake & Monique Paris

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

### The Sermon

“Refuge and Restorer”

Rev. Warren

**Psalms: Singing Christ's Praise in Community**

### The Offertory

### \*Affirmation of Faith

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

*Minister:* What is sin?

**People:** **Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.**

*Minister:* How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

**People:** **We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.**

*Minister:* How does the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

**People:** **The Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.**

### \*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!
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## 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:* 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!**

### 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

(Insert)

“Lamb of God”

*Paris*<sup>7</sup>

## COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

### \*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Warren

### \*The Benediction

Jude 24-25

Rev. Warren

*Minister:* To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forever more.

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

### Postlude

<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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<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.

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