

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

July 15, 2007

### Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Reverend 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

Rev. Warren

Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates!  
Ad be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
That the king of glory may come in.

**All: Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord, strong and mighty,  
The Lord, mighty in battle!**

Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
That the King of glory may come in.

**All: Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord of hosts,  
He is the King of glory!**

**\*Song of Exultation** (76) “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” *Goss*

**\*Prayer of Adoration** (*concluded by praying together*): Mr. Dick Kurtz

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** (Insert) “Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul” *K. Twit<sup>1</sup>*

**Scriptural Call to Repentance** I John 1:8-9 Rev. Warren

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Corporate Confession** Rev. Warren<sup>2</sup>

O Lord, merciful and mighty, we poor sinners come to You in humble repentance and confess how we have transgressed Your holy Law. We are guilty of doing wrong and neglecting to do the right, evil thoughts, improper words, and wrong deeds. Forgive our failures for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ. Let His obedience cover

our disobedience; let His righteousness atone for our unrighteousness. Great God and Helper, You alone can forgive. With all our hearts we thank You for Your boundless mercy. Grant us grace with which we might accept Your gift of forgiveness with true faith and look upon the word of pardon as a message coming from You, assuring us and consoling our hearts before You. Let us treasure Your forgiveness and freely extend it to others by the power of Your resurrection. We pray in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

**Proclamation of Forgiveness** Psalm 130:3-4 Rev. Warren

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

**\*Song of Renewal** “You Are My All in All” *Jernigan<sup>3</sup>*

You are my strength when I am weak.	Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
You are the treasure that I seek.	Rising again I bless Your name.
You are my All in All.	You are my All in All.
Seeking You as a precious jew <sup>l</sup>	When I fall down You pick me up,
Lord, to give up I’d be a fool.	When I am dry You fill my cup.
You are my All in All.	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. Richard Kurtz

*After each petition:*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

**Greeting and Announcements** Mrs. Kristen Warren

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

## PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

**Psalm Singing** (662) ”As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams” *Appalachian folk*

**\*Scripture Reading** (insert) Psalm 42-43 Mr. Nathan Pillsbury

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**The Sermon** “The Disbelief of Despair” Rev. Warren

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

**The Offertory**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** The Nicene Creed<sup>4</sup>

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 catholic<sup>5</sup> 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.

## 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: Behold, the Lamb of God<sup>6</sup>  
**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** (691) “It Is Well with My Soul” *Bliss*

**\*Concluding Prayer** Rev. Warren

## COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

**\*The Benediction** Second Corinthians 13:14 Rev. Warren

Minister: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

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

### Postlude

<sup>5</sup> The term “catholic” here means universal and does not mean any particular denomination.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

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

<sup>1</sup> Words by Anne Steele, Music by Kevin Twit. 1998 Kevin Twit Music. CCLI License No. 1958155.

<sup>2</sup> Luther, adapted from the Lutheran Book of Prayer.

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<sup>4</sup> 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.

# Reflections

“I think we have lost the old knowledge that happiness is overrated—that, in a way, life is overrated. We have lost somehow a sense of mystery—about us, our purpose, our meaning, our role. Our ancestors believed in two worlds, and understood this to be the solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short one. We are the first generation of man that actually expected to find happiness here on earth, and our search for it has caused such unhappiness. The reason: if you do not believe in another, higher world, if you believe only in the flat material world around you, if you believe that this is your only chance at happiness— if that is what you believe, then you are more than disappointed when the world does not give you a good measure of its riches, you are in despair.”

— Peggy Noonan

“Christianity is strange; it bids man to recognize that he is vile, and even abominable, yet bids him want to be like God. Without such a counterweight his exaltation would make him horribly vain or his abasement horribly abject.

“Knowing God without knowing our wretchedness makes for pride. Knowing our wretchedness without knowing God makes for despair. Knowing Jesus Christ strikes the balance because he shows us both God and our wretchedness.”

— Blaise Pascal

## 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.

Musicians: Cynthia Setchell, vocalist; Matthew Pillsbury, piano.  
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Dick Kurtz.

## CHRIST THE REDEEMER

# Highlights.....July 15, 2007

### OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER

Friday Morning Prayer-*Park Ave Church of God-Portland*  
Sunday Morning Prayer-*Breakwater School*

Fridays at 6:30 AM  
Sundays at 9:30 AM

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Today

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

#### Summer Adult Sunday School

There is an adult class from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. The subject is “The Holiness of God” a video series by R. C. Sproul. It will be continuing through August 5. There will be no child care for this class, but all are welcome. David Stewart is our teacher.

#### Congregational Meeting Today

There will be a Congregational Meeting of the membership of Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church **today following the worship service.** Please plan now on attending this important meeting. Everyone is invited to attend.

#### VBS/Sports Camp

Our VBS and Soccer Camp will be held July 23-27. A team of 15 are coming from Covenant Presbyterian in Fayetteville, GA, but we need to help them. We are in need of more teachers and helpers, and for help with food for lunches. 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 a few 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 one of the elders. Also indicate pledges for prayer as this is also very much needed and appreciated.

#### Dates to Remember

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 and Gwen Tedder	Margaret Pearson & Joanne Crosby
Kid's Q	Steve & Katya Harmon	
Sound	Jordan Stewart	Jordan Stewart
Prayer	Dick Kurtz	Jim Mansfield

**Finances:** Last week our collection was \$8,510.51. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

### MINISTRY STAFF

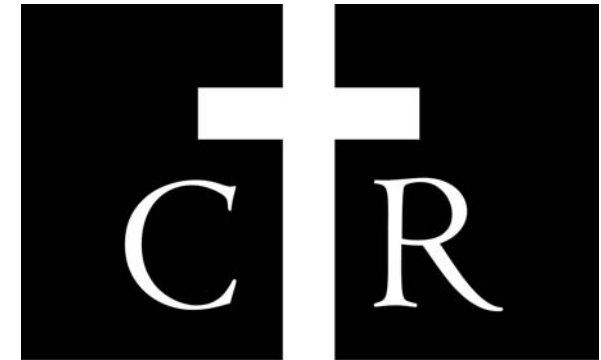
(207) 878-1211 [www.MainePCA.org](http://www.MainePCA.org)

Douglas Warren	Pastor
Per Almquist	Associate Pastor
Joanne Crosby	Office Manager

Service at Breakwater School 856 Brighton Ave Portland, ME. @ 10:30 AM

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