

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

July 22, 2007

Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Reverend Douglas D. Warren

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

The Reverend Per Almquist

Minister: Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders.

All: He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.

Minister: And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. And they sang a new song:

All: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.”

Minister: Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. In a loud voice they sang:

All: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

*Song of Exultation (441)

“Jesus Shall Reign”

DUKE STREET

*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

Scriptural Call to Repentance

First John 1:8-9

Rev. Warren

God’s Word warns us, “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” It also provides the wonderful truth found only in Christ saying, “If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Song of Preparation (Insert)

“Better Is One Day”

*Redman*¹

Corporate Confession

O eternal God and merciful Father, we humble ourselves before your great majesty, against which we have frequently and grievously sinned. We continually break your commandments; failing to do what you have commanded us, and doing that which you have expressly forbidden. We all like sheep have gone astray; we have turned to our own way. We acknowledge our waywardness, and confess that our moral debt is so great that we cannot even begin to repay. We are not worthy to be called your children. Yet we know that your mercy toward those who turn to you is infinite; and so we take

courage to call upon you from the depths of our hearts, in the name of our Mediator, Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Almighty and most merciful Father, forgive all our sins for the sake of your dear Son Jesus. Have compassion on our weakness. Wash us in the pure fountain of his blood, so that we may become clean. Cover us with his innocence and righteousness, for the glory of your name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Reflection/Confession

Please take a few moments to pray privately

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Colossians 2:13-14

Rev. Warren

When you were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave all our sins, and canceled the record that contained the charges against us. He took it and destroyed it by nailing it to Christ’s cross.

*Song of Renewal (116)

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Kocher

*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

Psalm Singing (169)

“My Heart Does Overflow”

Martin

*Scripture Reading (Pg. 395)

Psalm 45

Dr. Paul Hoehner

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“Enthralled By His Beauty”

Rev. Warren

Psalms: Singing Christ’s Praise in Community

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.

*Creed Song

Rev 4 & 5

*Dudley-Smith*³

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 (Insert)

“I Will Glory In My Redeemer”

*Cook*⁵

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Warren

*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

Musicians: Sharie & Matthew Pillsbury, vocalists; Will Kendall, guitar; Mike Marchand, bass; Jake Paris, hand percussion; Matthew Pillsbury, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Per Almquist and Jim Mansfield.

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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 Acts 11:18.

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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).

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

Reflections

“Has the Lord adorned flowers with all the beauty which spontaneously presents itself to the eye, and sweet odor which delights the sense of smell, and shall it be unlawful for us to enjoy that beauty and this odor? What? Has He not so distinguished colors as to make some more agreeable than others?...In short, has He not given many things a value without having any necessary use?” — John Calvin

“Christ Jesus has true excellency, so great that when it comes to see it, the mind rests there. It sees a transcendent glory and an ineffable sweetness in him; it sees that till now it has been pursuing shadows, but that now it has found the substance; that before it had been seeking happiness in the stream, but that now it has found the ocean. It is an infinite excellency in which the mind can find no bounds. Every new discovery makes this beauty appear more ravishing; there is room enough for the mind to go deeper and deeper, and never come to the bottom. The soul that comes to Christ, feeds upon this and lives upon it.” — Jonathan Edwards

“The promises of God's love and forgiveness are as real, as sure, as positive, as human words can [describe] them. But, like describing the ocean, its total beauty cannot be understood until it is actually seen. It is the same with God's love. Until you actually possess true peace with God, no one can describe its wonders to you.” — Billy Graham

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.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....July 22, 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 9:30 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

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

Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian and Grace Fellowship

We have with us today the great folks from these two congregations to help us with our VBS/Soccer Camp in Portland as well as outreach work in Lewiston. Thank you for coming to serve with us as we reach out to Portland, and the surrounding regions. Let us all pray together this week that the Lord will help us to be a light and a blessing as we serve Him together.

Cookout Invitation

This Tuesday 7/24/07 there will be an evening cookout at 6:00 p.m. to allow the two mission teams to get better acquainted with each other and with the high school and college age folks from CTR. The cookout will be at a Cosgrove's family cottage (rain plan at their house). Come and enjoy good food, fellowship and a swim in the lake. Directions are available on the back table.

Basketball Anyone?

Teens, College students and families (and other lovers of basketball) will be playing basketball after worship on July 29th. We'll order pizza for lunch and you can bring either chips or drinks. Come and join us for a fun time! Any questions? See Nate or Sharie Pillsbury.

MTW Mission Trip-from Pastor Jon Taylor

The Northern New England Presbytery has a construction mission's trip going to the Gulf Coast from November 3-10, 2007. Our destination is Redeemer PCA in New Orleans, LA. The cost will be about \$500, plus or minus \$50. The deadline for a \$40 deposit is **next Thursday, July 26th**. Those who submit a deposit may have it refunded up until September 4th. If you have a serious interest in this trip please email Jon at jonpaultaylor@comcast.net or call him at (603) 660-1985 as soon as possible and mail your deposit to his church office at Church of the Redeemer (PCA) 66 Prospect St. Manchester, NH 03104. The checks can be made out to Church of the Redeemer.

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

Session Meetings First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Root Cellar Dinner August 30, 2007
Church Retreat September 21-22, 2007

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Pillsbury Team	Mansfield Team
Nursery	Joanne Crosby & Margaret Pearson	Jake & Monique Paris
Kid's Q	Joanne Crosby	Paula & Alison Marchand
Sound	Jordan Stewart	Jordan Stewart
Prayer	Jim Mansfield	Doug Warren

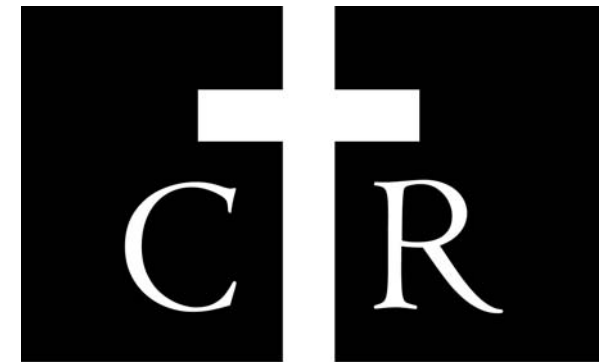
Finances: Last week our collection was \$4,278.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

MINISTRY STAFF

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



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