

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

July 29, 2007

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 in room #11. 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

Psalm 96

Rev. Warren

Minister: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

*Song of Exultation (345)

“Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”

Haydn

*Prayer of Adoration

(concluded by praying together):

Rev. Warren

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 1:16-17

Rev. Per Almquist

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow’s cause.

Song of Preparation (Insert)

“Better Is One Day”

*Redman*¹

Corporate Confession

Rev. Almquist

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. Amen.

Silent Reflection/Confession

Please take a few moments to pray privately

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Isaiah 1:18

Rev. Almquist

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

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

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Reception of New Members:

Rev. Warren

Transfer of Letter: Anne Hoeprich, Sheri Winter

Professing Faith in Jesus: Stephen Hoeprich

Vows for the new members:

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to promote its purity and peace?

Vow for the congregation:

Do you, members of Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church, acknowledge your need for these brothers and sisters in Christ and commit yourselves to their growth in holiness by the grace of God?

*Song of Renewal (447)

“Christ for the World We Sing”

Giardini

*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

Rev. Warren

Greeting and Announcements

Mrs. Joanne Crosby

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

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Psalm Singing

Psalm 73

*Scripture Reading (Pg. 407)

Psalm 73

Mr. Dana Perkins

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Sermon

“Does God realize what is going on here?”

Rev. Almquist

Psalms: Singing Christ’s Praise in Community

The Offertory

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed²

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 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.

*Barocho

Numbers 6:24

*Card*³

The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord make His face shine upon you

And give you peace

And give you peace

And give you peace, forever

The Lord be gracious to you

The Lord turn His face towards you

And give you peace

And give you peace

And give you peace, forever.

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 & Words of Institution

Minister: Believe in the Lord, and give Him eternal praise and thanks!⁴

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.**

Words of Institution & Invitation

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

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

Partaking the Means of Grace 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 (310)

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

Darvall

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Warren

*The Benediction

John 14:27

Rev. Warren

Minister: Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

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

³ Adapted from the Lutheran Book of Prayer.

⁴ 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.

² 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.

Postlude

Reflections

Suddenly the world seems such a perfect place
Suddenly it moves with such a perfect grace
Suddenly my life doesn't seem such a waste

—"Come What May", *Moulin Rouge*

The state of the heart determines whether a man lives in the truth, in which God's goodness is experienced, or in the semblance of truth, where the fact that it "goes ill" with him is confused with the illusion that God is not good to him.

— Martin Buber
20th century Jewish philosopher

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, vocalist; Matthew Pillsbury, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Per Almquist.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....July 29, 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.

Basketball Anyone?

Teens, College students and families (and other lovers of basketball) will be playing basketball today after the worship service. 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.

Root Cellar Dinner

Our church will be serving the Thursday night dinner at The Root Cellar on August 30th. A sign up sheet is on the back table. Please consider helping by cooking or buying something for this meal. Also sign up if you would like to help serve the meal and greet the neighbors. Questions should be directed to Joanne Crosby.

Dates to Remember

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

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Fifth Sunday Team	Woodward Team
Nursery	Jake & Monique Paris	Sarah Peters & Trisha Scribellito
Kid's Q	Paula & Alison Marchand	Linda and Noah Southwick
Sound	Jordan Stewart	Jordan Stewart
Prayer	Doug Warren	Doug Tedder

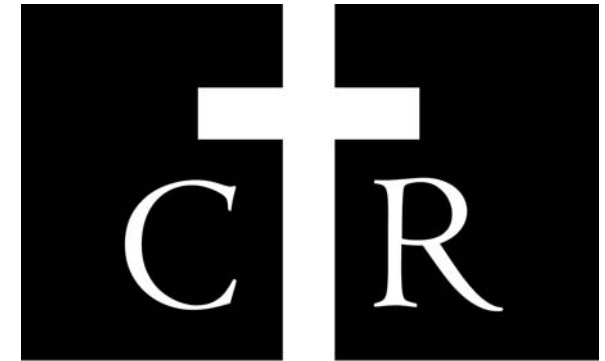
Finances: Last week our collection was \$1,247.26. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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



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