

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

August 12, 2007

*The Lord's Day*¹

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

Psalm 86

Rev. Warren

Minister: We will praise you, O Lord our God, with all our whole hearts; we will glorify your name forever. For you have delivered us from the power of death.

All: Bring joy to your servants, O Lord, for to you we lift up our souls. There is none like you; no deeds can compare with yours.

Minister: All the nations you have made will come and worship before you. They will bring glory to your name, for you alone are God.

All: Teach us now your way, O Lord, and we will live in your truth. Give us undivided hearts that we may fear and praise your great name.

*Song of Exultation (38)

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

JOANNA

*Prayer of Adoration (*concluded by praying together*):

Mr. Richard 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

Scriptural Call to Repentance

Hebrews 4:14-16

Rev. Warren

Knowing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need. *In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.*

Corporate Confession

Rev. Warren

Gracious Lord, we confess now that we dishonor You in our words and thoughts and deeds. Depending on our own strength we stumble; proclaiming our own goodness, we sin; glorying in our own righteousness we corrupt everything we touch. Turning our faces from You, Lord, we desire the things of this world to satisfy us. We pray

now, Lord, for You to forgive all of our many sins; to cleanse the darkness from our lives, and to turn our faces and our hearts back towards You. We pray these things in the name of Your most precious son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Song of Preparation (Insert)

“Better Is One Day”

*Redman*²

Silent Reflection/Confession

Please take a few moments to pray privately

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Psalm 130

Rev. Warren

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption. He Himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

*Song of Renewal (164)

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Gläser

*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

Greeting and Announcements

Mrs. Sharie Pillsbury

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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Psalm Singing (30)

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Watts

*Scripture Reading (Pg. 416)

Psalm 90

Jake & Monique Paris

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“Living in the Light of Your Presence”

Rev. Warren

Psalms: Singing Christ's Praise in Community

The Offertory

*Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism³

Minister: What is the chief end of man?

People: Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

Minister: What rule has God given to direct us in how to glorify and enjoy Him?

People: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us as to how we may glorify and enjoy Him.

* Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3

*Prince*⁴

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts (*sing 2x*)

The whole earth is full of His Glory (*sing 3x*)

Holy is the Lord

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

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³ 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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Christians are welcome to come forward. For those not taking communion, we invite you to consider the prayers found below.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.⁵

People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Minister: He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;”

People: The Lord Almighty is with us; The God of Jacob is our fortress.

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: God lives in a high and holy place,

People: But also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit,

Minister: To revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

People: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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).

Song of Preparation

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Bancroft/Cook

1. Before the throne of God above

I have a strong a perfect plea

A great High Priest whose name is Love

Who ever lives and pleads for me

My name is graven on His hands

My name is written on His heart

I know that while in heaven He stands

No tongue can bid me thence depart

No tongue can bid me thence depart

2. When Satan tempts me to despair

And tells me of the guilt within

Upward I look and see Him there

Who made an end of all my sin

Because the sinless Savior died

My sinful soul is counted free

For God the Just is satisfied

To look on Him and pardon me

To look on Him and pardon me

3. Behold Him there the Risen Lamb

My perfect spotless righteousness

The great unchangeable I Am

The King of glory and of grace

One with Himself I cannot die

My soul is purchased by His blood

My life is hid with Christ on high

With Christ my Savior and my God

With Christ my Savior and my God

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

⁵ This communion litany is taken from Psalm 46. The themes of God's presence with us and His power in conquering everything provide us hope. It is only in Him as our fortress that we can know His peace and rest. As we come to His table, let us look together to Him for our strength.

Reflections

“The saints' love to God is the fruit of God's love to them; it is the gift of that love. God gives them a spirit of love for Him because He loved them from eternity. His love is the foundation of their regeneration and the whole of their redemption.”

— Jonathan Edwards

“Never mind where your work is. Never mind whether it be visible or not. Never mind whether your name is associated with it. You may never see the issues of your toils. You are working for eternity ... So do your duty, and trust God to give the seed you sow "a body as it hath pleased Him.”

— Alexander Maclaren

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: Cynthia Setchell, vocalist; Jake Paris, percussion; Matthew Pillsbury, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Richard Kurtz.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....August 12, 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.

Service Project

It is time to get sweaty for the Lord! We want to help the Accardy family (Chris Accardy is a pastor in our presbytery) with the needs they have at their home. We are planning on sending a team of people to them on Saturday, August 25th. There will be handy-man, and clean-up work to be done. If you can give of your time and strength to help in this way, let us know at the church office.

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.

Church Retreat

On September 21 & 22 we will be having our retreat at New England Camp Cherith in Alfred, ME. Our speaker for the weekend will be Pastor Jon Taylor. He and his wife Allie and their sons will be with us for this special time of renewal, refreshment, and fellowship. Come and enjoy this weekend event with your whole family.

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	Guliani Team	Perkins Team
Nursery	Doug & Gwen Tedder	Wendy & Kaylie Stewart
Kid's Q	Terry & Katherine Cosgrove	Steve & Katya Harmon
Sound		
Prayer	Richard Kurtz	James Mansfield

Finances: Last week our collection was \$5,165.27. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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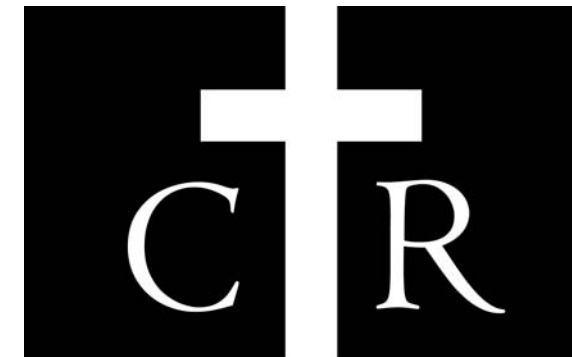
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Service at Breakwater School 856 Brighton Ave Portland, ME. @ 10:30 AM



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