

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

August 19, 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

from Psalm 100

The Reverend Per Almquist

Minister: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Yes, all people everywhere, worship the Lord with gladness and come before Him with joyful songs.

Minister: Know that the Lord is God.

All: It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Minister: Enter now His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;

All: We will give Him thanks and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

***Song of Exultation (115)** “All Creatures of Our God and King” *LAST UNS ERFREUEN*

***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

Song of Preparation (261)

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Southern Harmony

Scriptural Call to Repentance

Hebrews 4:14-16

Rev. Almquist

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. Almquist

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.

Silent Reflection/Confession

Please take a few moments to pray privately

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1

Rev. Almquist

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Song of Renewal (295)

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Elvey

***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

Praise

Requests

Greeting and Announcements

Mrs. Kristen Warren

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

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Psalm Singing (65)

“Before Jehovah’s Awesome Throne”

Watts

***Scripture Reading (Pg. 419)**

Psalm 100

Mr. Nathan Pillsbury

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“Joyous Knowledge”

Rev. Warren

Psalms: Singing Christ’s Praise in Community

The Offertory

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed¹

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 catholic² 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**

Gretores

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 God³

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 (1)**

“All People that on Earth Do Dwell”

OLD HUNDREDTH

***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

Please stay and enjoy some refreshments together and get to know someone new.

¹ 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.

² The term “catholic” here means universal and does not mean any particular denomination.

³ 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.**

