

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

August 26, 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. 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: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
All: His Love endures forever.
Minister: Give thanks to the God of heaven.
All: His love endures forever. We will praise Him and give thanks!

***Song of Exultation** (53) “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” *Stralsund Gesangbuch*

***Prayer of Adoration** (*concluded by praying together*): Mr. Robert Crosby

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 (131) “Children of the Heavenly Father” *Swedish melody*

Corporate Confession

Luther¹

O Lord, merciful and mighty, we don’t deserve to come into Your presence because we have disobeyed You. We haven’t done what we should and we have done what we should not have done. We are guilty of evil thoughts, improper words, and wrong deeds. Forgive us for the sake of the suffering and death 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. 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

Jeremiah 33:8

Rev. Warren

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

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

¹ Adapted from the Lutheran Book of Prayer.

*Song of Renewal

“Isaiah 43”

1. When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you.
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are Mine.

2. When you pass through the fire,
You’ll not be burned.
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are Mine

Chorus

Men:

For I am the Lord your God
I am the Lord your God
I am the Holy One of Israel,
Your Saviour. (*repeat chorus*)

I am the Lord. (4x)

Women: (*echo*)

I am the Lord your God.

I am the Holy One of Israel,
Your Saviour

Do not fear.

Together: I am the Lord.

*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. Robert Crosby

Greeting and Announcements

Ms. Cynthia Setchell

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

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Psalm Singing

“From Out the Depths I Cry”

Purday

*Scripture Reading

(Pg.434) Psalm 130

Mr. Jim Mansfield

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“Joyous Knowledge”

Rev. Warren

The Offertory

*Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism

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*²

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: God spoke these words, and said, “I am the Lord thy God:³

People: You shall have no other gods before Me.

Minister: You shall not make for yourself any graven image . . .you shall not bow down to them nor serve them: for I the Lord your God am a jealous God.

People: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that takes His name in vain.

Minister: Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy.

People: Honor your father and mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

Minister: You shall not kill.

People: You shall not commit adultery.

Minister: You shall not steal.

People: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Minister: You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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 therein, we lovingly encourage you 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** (500) “Rock of Ages” *Ward*

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.

Postlude

³ The Ten Commandments have 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.

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Reflections

“Nearly all the wisdom we possess, that is to say true and sound wisdom, consists of two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves.” —John Calvin

“No man's really any good till he knows how bad he is, or might be; till he's realized exactly how little right he has to all this snobbery and sneering and talking about ‘criminals’ as if they were apes in a forest ten thousand miles away...till he's squeezed out of his soul the last drop of the oil of the Pharisees; till his only hope is to capture one criminal and to keep him under his own hat.” — G.K. Chesterton

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: Sharie Pillsbury, vocals; Jake Paris, hand percussion; Mike Marchand, bass, Peter Dugas, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Robert Crosby.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....August 26, 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.

Root Cellar Dinner

Our church will be serving dinner at The Root Cellar **This Thursday 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.

The Truth Project

You are invited to attend an introductory meeting that will be held at the Second Parish OPC, 32 Neal St, Portland, on August 30th at 5:00 p.m. to discuss participation in a 12-week presentation this coming fall of The Truth Project. The meeting will last approximately one and a half hours and will include a preview of one program segment. The meeting schedule and location for the program will be developed based on the input at the meeting. For more information visit the website www.thetruthproject.org or call Dick or Ginny Kurtz at 767-1333. Let them know if you will attend.

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. Retreat brochures are on the greeter table.

Dates to Remember

Session Meetings First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 p.m.

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Pillsbury Team	Woodward Team
Nursery	Margaret Pearson & Joanne Crosby	Sarah Peters & Trisha Scribellito
Kid's Q	Joanne Crosby	Linda & Noah Southwick
Sound	Eric Scribellito	
Prayer	Robert Crosby	Doug Tedder

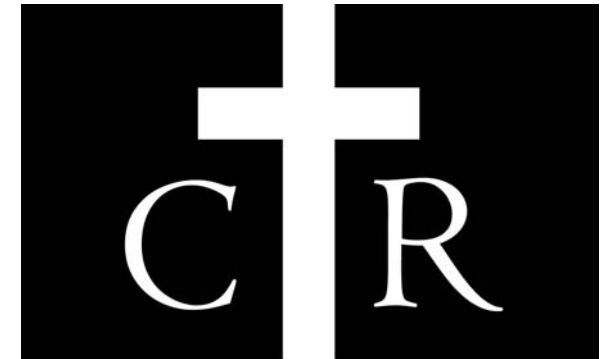
Finances: Last week our collection was \$4,838.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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



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