

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

September 2, 2007

*The Lord's Day!*

### Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Reverend Per Almquist

*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

Psalms 117

Rev. Almquist

Minister: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

**People: For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

**All: Praise the LORD!**

\***Hymn of Exultation** (4 Vs. 1-3, 6) “All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above” *Gesangbuch*

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

Mr. Doug Tedder

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 30:15-18

Rev. Almquist

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; He rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is God of justice. Blessed are those who wait for Him!

**Song of Preparation** (157) “None Other Lamb, None Other Name”

*Jeater*

### Corporate Confession

Righteous and Merciful Judge, the blood on our hands and the stain on our hearts cries out to all creation for our destruction. Your holiness is unable to abide our presence, requiring that Your justice be satisfied. And though we know full well the terrible fury of Your wrath, we not only persist in our sins, nor do we merely run to them, but we flee to them and cling to them as if they were the very salvation we require. Therefore, let all powers and principalities marvel at Your work in our lives. You pursue us and choose to love us, though we continually flee from You. You rip our hearts away from the idols that enthrall us, and restore us to fellowship with You. For the purity of Christ's heart and the blood in His veins wash us more thoroughly than we could have dared dream such that we sing with all creation of Your abundant and inescapable mercy.

### Silent Reflection/Confession

*Please take a few moments to pray privately*

### Proclamation of Forgiveness

Isaiah 44:23

Rev. Almquist

Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it; shout, O depths of the earth; break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the LORD had redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel. He is able to help those who are being tempted.

#### \*Song of Renewal

“Shout to the Lord”

*Zschech*<sup>2</sup>

My Jesus, my Savior,  
Lord there is none like You,  
All of my days, I want to praise,  
The wonders of Your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter,  
Tower of refuge and strength.  
Let every breath, all that I am,  
Never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord  
All the earth let us sing,  
Power and majesty praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down  
And the seas will roar,  
At the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise  
I have in You.

*(Repeat all)*

Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

#### \*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!***

### Extending Christ's Grace

*Francois Sebagabo*

### Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

*Praise*

*Requests*

Rev. Almquist

### Greeting and Announcements

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

Mrs. Terry Cosgrove

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### Psalms Singing (57)

“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah Oh My Soul”

*Arr. Lowell Mason*

### \*Scripture Reading (Pg.439)

Psalms 146

Mr. Brian Cosgrove

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### The Sermon

“The Reality of Our Hope”

Rev. Almquist

### **Psalms: Singing Christ's Praise in Community**

### The Offertory

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism<sup>3</sup>

Minister: Q. 4 What is God?

**People: God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.**

Minister: Q. 5 Are there more Gods than one?

**People: There is but One only, the living and true God.**

Minister: Q. 6 How many persons are there in the Godhead?

**People: There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.**

<sup>2</sup> © 1993 Darlene Zschech (Hillsong) (Admin. in U.S. & Canada by Integrity's Hosanna! Music) CCLI License No. 1958155

<sup>3</sup> 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.

#### \*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Alleluia, alleluia

*LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Oh, praise Him, Oh, praise Him

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## 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: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

### Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world,

**People: Have mercy upon us!**

Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world,

**People: Grant us your peace!**

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

### Approaching the King's Feast

*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'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath”

*Watts*<sup>4</sup>

## COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

### \*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Stewart

#### \*The Benediction

Ephesians 1:17-21

Rev. Stewart

Minister: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hands in the heavenly places, far above all rule and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. Amen.

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

### Postlude

<sup>4</sup> Words: Isaac Watts; alt. John Wesley, Music Old 113<sup>th</sup>, melody from Strassburger Kirchenant, CCLI License No. 1958155.

## Reflections

O how wretched  
Is that poor man that hangs on princes' favour!  
There is, betwixt that smile we would aspire to,  
That sweet aspect of princes, and their ruin,  
More pangs and fears than wars and women have:  
And when he falls, he falls like Lucifer,  
Never to hope again."

— William Shakespeare  
*Henry VIII*

For one man to put confidence in another, is as if one beggar should ask an alms of another, or one cripple should carry another, or the blind lead the blind.

— Anthony Farindon 17th century English minister

### 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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**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.**

Musicians: Eric Mathis, vocalist; David Stewart, trumpet; Beth Almquist, French horn;  
Peter Dugas, accompanist.  
Serving Communion: Per Almquist and Doug Tedder.

## CHRIST THE REDEEMER

# Highlights.....September 2, 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.

#### Sunday School

Classes for all ages will begin next Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup>. Classes begin at 9:15 a.m. The adult class this semester will be *Grace and Mercy: The Call of the Gospel*, taught by Robert Crosby and Per Almquist. There will be classes for all the children starting with nursery and going through Senior High.

#### Baby Shower

There is a baby shower for Trisha Scribellito on Saturday, September 15, 2007, at 2:00pm at 25 Longwood Terrace, Portland. Please let us know if you are coming! Sarah Peters, 232-4408; Sarah Russell, sarackerma@yahoo.com; or Gwen Tedder, 774-2847.

#### 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. Place reservation slip in the offering plate, or e-mail Joanne Crosby at joanne.crosby@mainepca.org.

#### Dates to Remember

Session Meetings First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 p.m.  
Church Retreat September 21-22, 2007  
Presbytery Meeting October 20, 2007  
Mission Trip to New Orleans November 3-10, 2007  
Root Cellar Dinner December 6, 2007

### SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Woodward Team	Guliani Team
Nursery	Sarah Peters & Trisha Scribellito	Wendy & Kaylie Stewart
Kid's Q	Linda and Noah Southwick	Paula & Alison Marchand
Sound		
Prayer	Doug Tedder	Robert Crosby

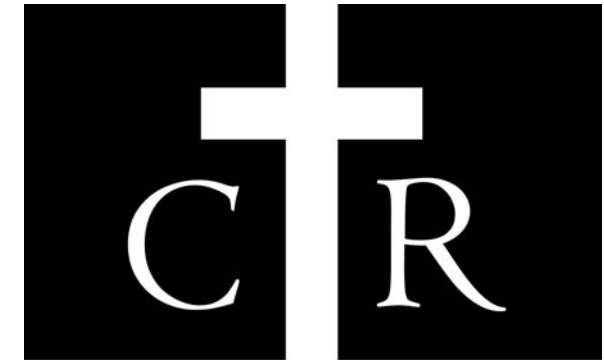
**Finances:** Last week our collection was \$5,149.01. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

### MINISTRY STAFF

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Per Almquist Associate Pastor  
Joanne Crosby Office Manager

Service at Breakwater School 856 Brighton Ave Portland, ME. @ 10:30 AM  
Sunday School for all ages at 9:15



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