

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

September 30, 2007

*The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

### 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 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 (76)

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

*Goss*

### \*Prayer of Adoration

*(concluded by praying together):*

Rev. David Stewart

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

Rev. Warren

### Song of Preparation (Insert)

“At the Name of Jesus”

*Gilley<sup>1</sup>*

### Corporate Confession

Psalm 51

Rev. Warren

Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, I have sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak, and blameless when you judge.

### 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.

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

<sup>1</sup> © 1996 Jonathan Gilley, text, Caroline M. Noel. CCLI License No. 1958155.

### \*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

*Praise*

*Requests*

Rev. Stewart

### Greeting and Announcements

Mrs. Joanne Crosby

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

## PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

### \*Scripture Reading (insert)

Hebrews 2:1-4

Mr. Dana Perkins

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### The Sermon

“So Great A Salvation”

Rev. Warren

Sermon Series on the Book of Hebrews

*The Life of Faith—Rooted in God’s Promises, Running to the New Jerusalem*

### The Offertory

### \*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed<sup>2</sup>

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.**

### \*Barocha

Numbers 6:24

*Card<sup>3</sup>*

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!<sup>4</sup>

**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: Christ 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

“Come Just As You Are”

*Sabolick<sup>5</sup>*

Come just as you are.

Hear the Spirit call.

Come just as you are.

Come and see, come receive,

Come and live forever.

*Repeat*

Life everlasting.

And strength for today.

Taste the Living Water,

And never thirst again.

*Repeat*

Come Just As You Are

Hear the Spirit Call.

Come Just as you are.

Come receive, Christ the King.

Come and live forevermore.

## 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

*Please stay for some refreshments after the service and get to know one another.*

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Adapted from the Lutheran Book of Prayer.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> © 1993 Maranatha Praise, Inc. CCLI License No. 1958155

# Reflections

“Self-deception is a shadowy phenomenon by which we pull the wool over some part of our own psyche. We put a move on ourselves. We deny, suppress, or minimize what we know to be true. We assert, adorn, and elevate what we know to be false. We prettify ugly realities and sell ourselves the prettified versions. Thus a liar might transform "I tell a lot of lies to shore up my pride" to "Occasionally, I finesse the truth in order to spare other people's feelings." We become our own dupes, playing the role of both perpetrator and victim. We know the truth—and yet we do not know it, because we persuade ourselves of its opposite. We actually *forget* that certain things are wrong and that we have done them. To the extent that we are self-deceived, we occupy a twilight zone in which we make up reality as we go along, a twilight zone in which the shortest distance between two points is a labyrinth.”

— Cornelius Plantinga, Jr.

## 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, vocalist; Jonathan Bauer, accompanist.  
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and David Stewart.

## CHRIST THE REDEEMER

# Highlights.....September 30, 2007

### OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER

Friday Morning Prayer-*Park Ave Church of God-Portland*  
Sunday Morning Prayer-*Breakwater School*

Fridays at 6:30 AM  
Sundays at 8:30 AM

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Today

Please stay for refreshments after the service and get better acquainted with one another.

#### Sunday School

There are Classes for all ages and class begins at 9:15 a.m. The adult class this semester is *Grace and Mercy: The Call of the Gospel*, taught by Robert Crosby and Per Almquist. There are classes for all the children starting with nursery and going through Senior High. Come along and share and learn together.

#### Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting after the worship service **today** September 30, 2007. The Session will bring their recommendation to the congregation to call Rev. David Stewart as an associate pastor here at CTR. All members are urged to attend this important meeting.

#### Stand In The Gap

A group of local Christian men will be going to a *Stand in the Gap* gathering in Washington DC on Friday evening 10/5. The bus will leave at 8:00 pm from exit #46 in So Portland. If you are interested in being a part of this group register by going to the website [www.ironsharpeniron.net](http://www.ironsharpeniron.net) or by calling Russ Hartley at 854-9941.

#### Dates to Remember

Session Meetings	First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Root Cellar Annual Banquet	October 19, 2007
Presbytery Meeting	October 20, 2007
Mission Trip to New Orleans	November 3-10, 2007
ABBA-Walk-a-thon	November 3, 2007
Root Cellar Dinner	December 6, 2007

### SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

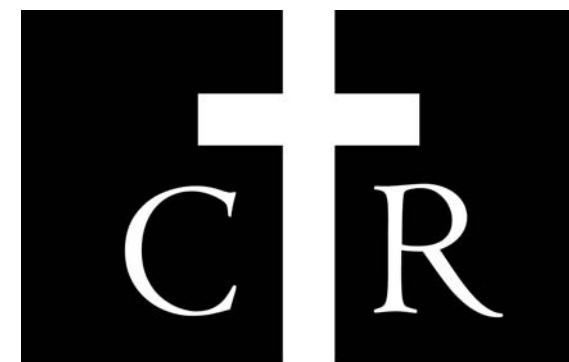
	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Mansfield Team	Woodward Team
Nursery	Jake & Monique Paris	Sarah Peters & Trisha Scribellito
Kid's Q	Katherine & Terry Cosgrove	Linda and Noah Southwick
Sound		
Prayer	David Stewart	Doug Tedder

### MINISTRY STAFF

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Douglas Warren	Pastor
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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