

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

October 7, 2007

The Lord's Day'

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

Isaiah 6

Rev. Warren

Minister: I saw the Lord, seated on a throne, high and exalted,

All: And the train of his robe filled the temple.

Minister: Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: with two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

All: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

*Hymn of Exultation (101)

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Giardini

*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. Warren

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 (Insert)

"My Maker and My King"

Steele/Moss

Corporate Confession

Rev. Warren

Holy Father, we long to have you change our hearts. We confess to You that we do not obey You as we should. We love little, speak not the truth, harbor resentment, and leave the oppressed with no defender. We break Your holy law, leave undone what You command, and delight in what You have forbidden. Merciful Lord, we humbly ask that You would forgive us and change our hearts. Conform us to the image of Your Son. Holy Spirit, work in us we pray, that we might be like You.

Silent Reflection/Confession

Please take a few moments to pray privately

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Hebrews 2:18

Rev. Warren

Because Jesus Himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

*Song of Renewal (164)

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Glaser

*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. Warren

Greeting and Announcements

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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Scripture Reading (Pg 829)

Hebrews 2:5-9

Mr. Brian Cosgrove

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

"Ruling and Being Ruled"

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 Apostles' Creed²

Minister: Christian, what do you believe concerning God, the Father?

People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Minister: What do you believe concerning Jesus?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Minister: Christian, what do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit and His work?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic³ church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Alleluia, alleluia

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 (295)

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Elvey

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Warren

*The Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

Rev. Warren

Minister: Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

¹ Each Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection from the dead by Jesus. His triumph over death is the basis for our hope. The first day of the week now points us forward to the certainty of His return.

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

² The Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of the teachings of the apostles. Originally used as a baptismal confession in the second century, it was developed into its current form by the sixth or seventh century.

³ The term "catholic" is used here in its generic sense of the universal church, not to refer to a denomination.

Reflections

“The concept of man as a gardener is highly suggestive: A gardener does not destroy nature, nor leave it as it is. He cultivates and develops it, enhancing its beauty, usefulness, and fruitfulness. So God expects his servants to bring all creation under his lordship. Science, engineering, art, education, government are all part of his responsibility. We are to bring every dimension of life, both spiritual and material, under the rule and law of God.”
— Timothy J. Keller

“Christians travel the same ground that everyone else walks on, breathe the same air, drink the same water, shop in the same stores, read the same newspapers, are citizens under the same governments, pay the same prices for groceries and gasoline, fear the same dangers, are subject to the same pressures, get the same distresses, are buried in the same ground. The difference is that each step we walk, each breath we breathe, we know we are preserved by God, we know we are accompanied by God, we know we are ruled by God, and therefore no matter what doubts we endure or what accidents we experience, the Lord will preserve us from evil, he will keep our life.”
— Eugene H. Peterson

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: Eric Mathis, vocalist; SaraBeth Pillsbury, violin; Dan Mickool, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Doug Tedder.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....October 7, 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 8:30 AM
 Women's Bible Study-*Margaret Pearson-774-0524* *twice monthly* Thursdays at 5:00 PM
Home Fellowship Groups
 Casco, Windham, Gray Region-*Robert Crosby-657-2445* *weekly* Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
 Gorham-*@ Marchand home-839-9877-teacher Dave Stewart 712-9826* *2nd and 4th* Sundays at 5:30 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

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

New Orleans Dinner

The Mission Team going to New Orleans on Nov 3-10th would like to serve up some southern style food on Sunday October 21st after the worship service. Stay and try some Gumbo Soup, Jambalaya, Red beans and Rice and Cornbread. Donations will all go to support the expenses for this trip and to leave an offering for the host church, Redeemer Presbyterian, in New Orleans.

Welcome Isaac Scribellito

A special welcome to the newest member of our congregation. Isaac Scribellito was born on Tuesday 10/2/07. He came earlier than expected and we are so glad to have him as a part of our church family. Congratulations Eric and Trisha.

Gorham Home Fellowship

All are invited to come to this fellowship group that meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month. The next get together will be October 14th at the Marchand home. Food and fellowship at 5:30 and prayer and Bible study at 6:00 pm. The study this year is from the book of Hebrews and is taught by David Stewart. Questions? Call the Marchands at 839-9877 or Dave Stewart at 712-9826.

Root Cellar Banquet

The Root Cellar will be having their Annual Banquet on October 19, 2007 from 6-8:45 p.m. It will be held at the Keeley Banquet Center. If you would like to attend call The Root Cellar at 774-3197 to reserve your place. Donations will benefit the ministry of The Root Cellar.

Dates to Remember

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| 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 |
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| Set Up | Woodward Team | Guliani Team |
| Nursery | Linda Southwick | Wendy & Kaylie Stewart |
| Kid's Q | Linda and Noah Southwick | Paula & Alison Marchand |
| Prayer | Doug Tedder | Robert Crosby |

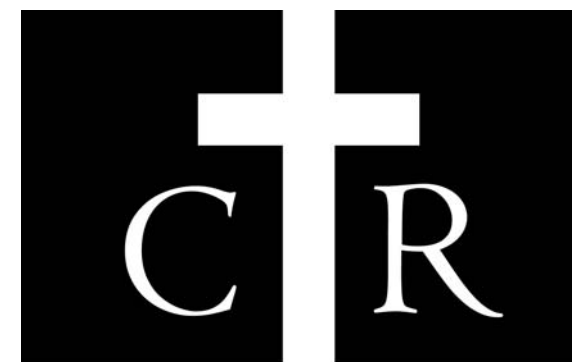
Finances: Last week our collection was \$3,270.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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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