

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

October 14, 2007

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost¹

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

Psalm 22

Minister: O LORD, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help us.

All: Deliver my life from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs. Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen. I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you.

Minister: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

All: For he has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

*Song of Exultation (441)

“Jesus Shall Reign”

DUKE STREET

*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

Isaiah 8:13; 17-18

Rev. Warren

The LORD Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, he is the one you are to fear, he is the one you are to dread . . . I will wait for the LORD, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob. I will put my trust in him. Here am I, and the children the LORD has given me. We are signs and symbols in Israel from the LORD Almighty, who dwells on Mount Zion.

Song of Preparation (Insert)

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

Reinagle²

Collective Confession

From Second Samuel 22

Rev. Warren

LORD God, You are our rock, our fortress and our deliverer; deliver us now from our sin and the misery that comes with disobeying You. O God, You are our rock, in whom we take refuge, our shield and the horn of our salvation. Forgive us for the ways we look to other lesser things for our security. You are our stronghold, our refuge and our savior—You save us from our violent rebellion. We call to You, LORD God, for You are worthy of praise, and have saved us from our enemies.”

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 (Insert)

“The Wonderful Cross”

Tomlin,Walt,Watts³

*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

Robert Crosby

Greeting and Announcements

Mrs. Sharie Pillsbury

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

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

*Scripture Reading (Pg. 829)

Hebrews 2:9-18

Jake & Monique Paris

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

Sons of Glory

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 Westminster Shorter Catechism⁴

Minister: What is the chief end of man?

People: Man’s chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

Minister: What rule has God given to direct us in how to glorify and enjoy Him?

People: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us as to how we may glorify and enjoy Him.

* Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3

Prince⁵

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts (*sing 2x*)

The whole earth is full of His Glory (*sing 3x*)

Holy is the Lord

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: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.⁶

People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Minister: He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;”

People: The Lord Almighty is with us; The God of Jacob is our fortress.

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: God lives in a high and holy place,

People: But also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit,

Minister: To revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

People: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Approaching the Lord’s Table

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

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Bancroft/Cook⁷

1. Before the throne of God above
I have a strong a perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

2. When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

3. Behold Him there the Risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Warren

*The Benediction

Jude 24-25

Rev. Warren

Minister: To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forever more.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

⁶ This communion litany is taken from Psalm 46. The themes of God’s presence with us and His power in conquering everything provide us hope. It is only in Him as our fortress that we can know His peace and rest. As we come to His table, let us look together to Him for our strength.

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¹ Every Sunday is a celebration of Jesus’ victory over death in His resurrection Easter Sunday. The Lord of Creation has entered our world and changed everything. Many Christians and churches have used a calendar ordering the whole year according to Christ’s redemptive work. We are currently in the season following Pentecost and leading up to Advent. If you have questions about this, please ask the pastor or an elder.

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

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⁴ 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.

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Reflections

The implications of this family membership are far-reaching, in terms of our attitudes toward one another. *Not* to love our Christian brothers and sisters, *not* to seek their welfare, is an offense against the very nature of what it means to be a Christian. This is what John means when he says that it is utterly inconsistent to claim to love God, whom we have never seen, if we hate our brothers, whom we see daily.

— Sinclair B. Ferguson

God never makes private, secret salvation deals with people. His relationships with us are personal, true; intimate, yes; but private, no. We are a family in Christ. When we become Christians, we are among brothers and sisters in faith. No Christian is an only child.

— 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: Sharie Pillsbury, vocalist; Jake Paris, hand percussion; Mike Marchand, bass; Jonathan Bauer, accompanist.

Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Robert Crosby.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....October 14, 2007

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER

Friday Morning Prayer- <i>Park Ave Church of God-Portland</i>	Fridays at 6:30 AM
Sunday Morning Prayer- <i>Breakwater School</i>	Sundays at 8:30 AM
Women's Bible Study- <i>Margaret Pearson-774-0524</i>	<i>twice monthly</i> Thursdays at 5:00 PM
Home Fellowship Groups	
Casco, Windham, Gray Region- <i>Robert Crosby-657-2445</i>	<i>weekly</i> Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
Gorham- <i>@ Marchand home-839-9877-teacher Dave Stewart 712-9826</i>	<i>2nd and 4th</i> 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, 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.

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 this evening 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.

Reformation Sunday

On October 28th a special joint service will be held at Second Parish OPC Church, 32 Neal St, Portland. The service will be at 6:00 pm. The Rev. Leonard Gulstrom of the Limington Congregational Church will preach the sermon.

ABBA Walk-A-Thon

On November 3rd ABBA will hold their annual Walk-a-thon to benefit this wonderful ministry. If you would like to participate or pledge a walker in this 2 mile walk speak to Crystal Kepler.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a Quarterly Congregational Meeting on November 11th after the worship service. Information will be presented on the church budget. All members should make an effort to attend.

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
Root Cellar Dinner	December 6, 2007

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Warren Team	Perkins Team
Nursery	Wendy & Kaylie Stewart	Doug & Gwen Tedder
Kid's Q	Paula & Alison Marchand	Steve & Katya Harmon
Prayer	Robert Crosby	Jim Mansfield

Finances: Last week our collection was \$5,512.26. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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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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