

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

October 21, 2007

*The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost*

### Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Rev. Doug 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

Based on Psalm 22

Rev. Warren

Minister: Let us proclaim the name of the Lord in the midst of His assembly.

**All: Fear the Lord and praise Him! Let us glorify the Lord our God.**

Minister: For in Him the empty will be satisfied, the afflicted will be restored.

**All: A day is coming when all the earth will praise Him, when His dominion will be revealed far and wide. Let us praise our great King!**

**\*Song of Exultation** (115) “All Creatures of Our God and King” *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

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

Mr. Jim Mansfield

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

**Song of Preparation** (662) “As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams” *Appalachian folk*

### Scriptural Call to Repentance

Hebrews 4:14-16

Rev. Warren

Knowing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need. *In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.*

### Corporate Confession

Rev. Warren

Gracious Lord, we confess now that we dishonor You in our words and thoughts and deeds. Depending on our own strength we stumble; proclaiming our own goodness, we sin; glorying in our own righteousness we corrupt everything we touch. Turning our faces from You, Lord, we desire the things of this world to satisfy us. We pray now, Lord, for You to forgive all of our many sins; to cleanse the darkness from our lives, and to turn our faces and our hearts back towards You. We pray these things in the name of Your most precious son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Silent Reflection/Confession** *Please take a few moments to pray privately*

### Proclamation of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1

Rev. Warren

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

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

### Song of Renewal

(Insert) “Sing A New Song to the Lord”

*Dudley-Smith<sup>1</sup>*

**\*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. Jim Mansfield

### Greeting and Announcements

Miss Margaret Pearson

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

## PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

### \*Scripture Reading

(insert) Luke 10:25-37

Mr. Nathan Pillsbury

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### The Sermon

#### Living on the Jericho Road

Rev. Warren

Special message in conjunction with Portland area churches

### 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<sup>3</sup> 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.**

#### \*Gloria Patri

*Greatorex*

Glory be to the Father  
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning

Is now and ever shall be  
World without end.  
Amen. Amen.

## 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: Behold, the Lamb of God<sup>4</sup>

**People: Who takes away the sin of the world!**

### Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: Believe in the Lord, and give Him eternal praise and thanks!

**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.**

Minister: Christ said, “I am the bread of life.”

**People: He is our portion and our life.**

### Approaching Christ’s Communion 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

“Here I Am, Lord”

*Schutte<sup>5</sup>*

**1.** I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

**2.** I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

#### Chorus

Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

**3.** I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide,  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

#### \*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Warren

## COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

#### \*The Benediction

Second Corinthians 13:14

Rev. Warren

Minister: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

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

### Postlude

<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.

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<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> The term “catholic” here means universal and does not mean any particular denomination.

# Reflections

The reigning cliché of the day is that in order to love others one must first learn to love oneself. This formulation—love thyself, then thy neighbor—is a license for unremitting self-indulgence, because the quest for self-love is endless. By the time you have finally learned to love yourself, you'll find yourself playing golf at Leisure World.  
— Charles Krauthammer

In our civilization...we are clamoring for the very qualities we are rendering impossible. You can hardly open a periodical without coming across the statement that what our civilization needs is more drive, or dynamism, or self-sacrifice, or creativity. In a sort of ghastly simplicity we remove the organ and demand the function. We make men without chests and expect virtue and enterprise. We laugh at honor and are shocked to find traitors in our midst. We castrate and bid the geldings be fruitful.  
— C.S. Lewis

## 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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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: Cynthia Setchell, vocalist; Jonathan Bauer, accompanist.  
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Jim Mansfield.

## CHRIST THE REDEEMER

# Highlights.....October 21, 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

#### New Orleans Dinner Today

Stay and support the Mission Team going to New Orleans on Nov 3-10<sup>th</sup> by enjoying 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.

#### October 27<sup>th</sup> Events

Here are two service projects that you can participate in on Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup>. Starting at 8 am there will be a wood cutting party at the Mansfield's home to help a neighbor clear some woods. All wood cut will be split among the participants. Woman attending will put together a meal to be shared about midday. Contact Jim at 647-8487. The Almquist family is moving to Lewiston beginning at 8:30 am in Portland. You can help load in Portland or unload in Lewiston. You could also help clean. Lunch will be provided. Help on Friday would also be welcomed. So give the Almquists a call at 899-1709.

#### Reformation Sunday

On October 28<sup>th</sup> a special joint service will be held at Second Parish OPC Church, 32 Neal St, Portland at 6:00 pm. Limington Congregational Church's Rev. Leonard Gulstrom will be preaching.

#### ABBA Walk-A-Thon

On November 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

#### Teen Home Fellowship

All teens 7-12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to the next fellowship on Sunday Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at the Southwick's house immediately following the worship service. Let them know if you are coming ([sixsouthwix@roadrunner.com](mailto:sixsouthwix@roadrunner.com) 892-7539). Transportation will be arranged for you. Parents can pick-up your teen between 3-3:30pm. Lunch will be tacos. Check with Mrs. Southwick to see what you can bring! Read Chap.1 in *Case For Christ*. If you need a book contact the Pillsburys @ 883-2460.

#### Congregational Meeting

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

### SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Perkins Team	Pillsbury Team
Nursery	Doug & Gwen Tedder	Joanne Crosby & Margaret Pearson
Kid's Q	Steve & Katya Harmon	Joanne Crosby
Prayer	Jim Mansfield	Dick Kurtz

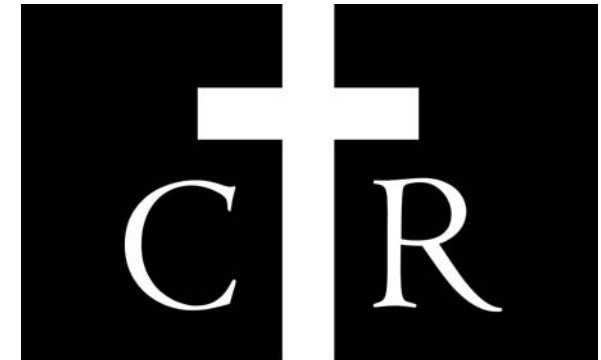
**Finances:** Last week our collection was \$3,513.34. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

### MINISTRY STAFF

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Douglas Warren Pastor  
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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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