

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

October 28, 2007

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

Psalms 145

Rev. Warren

Minister: We will exalt You, our God and King; we will praise Your name forever!

All: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and Your dominion endures through all generations.

Minister: Our Lord is faithful to all His promises and loving towards all He has made.

All: Let us praise His holy name for great is the Lord and most worthy of praise!

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

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

Mr. Richard Kurtz

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

First John 1:8-9

The Reverend Per Almquist

God’s Word warns us, “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” It also provides the wonderful truth found only in Christ saying, “If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Song of Preparation(Insert)

“Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul”

Steele/Twit¹

Corporate Confession

Luther²

O Lord, merciful and mighty, we unworthy sinners, come to You in humble repentance and confess how we have transgressed Your holy Law. We are guilty of sins of omission and commission, evil thoughts, improper words, and wrong deeds. Forgive our iniquity and short-comings for the sake of the suffering and death of our Savior Jesus Christ. Let His obedience cover our disobedience, let His righteousness atone for our unrighteousness. Great God and Helper, You alone can forgive. With all our hearts we thank You for Your boundless mercy. Grant us grace with which we might accept Your gift of forgiveness with true faith and look upon the word of pardon as a message coming from You, assuring us and consoling our hearts before You. Let us

treasure Your forgiveness and freely extend it to others by the power of Your resurrection. We pray in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Reflection/Confession

Please take a few moments to pray privately

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Jeremiah 33:8

Rev. Almquist

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

*Song of Renewal (500)

“Rock of Ages”

Ward

*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. Richard Kurtz

After each petition: Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Greeting and Announcements

Mrs. Kristen Warren

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

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

*Scripture Reading (insert)

Hebrews 3:1-6

Mr. Jim Mansfield

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

Call to Consider Jesus

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 Heidelberg Catechism³

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Minister: What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

People: Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

*Creed Song

Rev 4 & 5

Dudley-Smith⁴

Heavenly hosts in ceaseless worship
Holy, holy, holy cry;
He who is, who was and will be,
God Almighty, Lord most high.
Praise and honour, power and glory,
Be to him who reigns alone;
We, with all his hands have fashioned,
Fall before the Father’s throne.

All creation, all redemption,
Join to sing the Saviour’s worth;
Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us
Kings and priests, to reign on earth.
Wealth and wisdom, power and glory,
Honour, might, dominion, praise,
Now be his from all his creatures
And to everlasting days.

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 Christ by faith to be strengthened and renewed as they eat bread and drink wine. All those who trust in Jesus 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 participating, we invite you to consider the prayers found below.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: God spoke these words, and said, “I am the Lord thy God:⁵

People: You shall have no other gods before Me.

Minister: You shall not make for yourself any graven image . . .you shall not bow down to them nor serve them: for I the Lord your God am a jealous God.

People: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that takes His name in vain.

Minister: Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy.

People: Honor your father and mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

Minister: You shall not kill.

People: You shall not commit adultery.

Minister: You shall not steal.

People: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Minister: You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

All: Lord, have mercy on us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: We come to this table as lawbreakers.

People: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Minister: We come to this table as the holy people of God.

People: Jesus the righteous One has made us a holy nation, God’s own people.

Drawing Near in Community of Faith

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 Will Glory In My Redeemer”

Cook⁶

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Warren

*The Benediction

John 14:27

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 after the service and enjoy some refreshments as we get to know one another.

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

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² Adapted from the Lutheran Book of Prayer.

³ Catechisms are a question and answer format used for teaching in the church. The Heidelberg Catechism was written in 1563 and approved by the Church at the Synod of Dort (1618-1619).

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⁵ The Ten Commandments have been used in conjunction with the Lord’s Supper for centuries. It is especially appropriate as we understand that it is only through Christ’s sustaining grace that we are able to keep God’s perfect law. May He strengthen us to walk in the light as He is in the light.

⁶ 2001 PDI Worship, CCLI License No. 1958155

Reflections

“Corrie Ten Boom was a woman of strong faith and a radiant face. Why? Not because she had not suffered, but because she had, and had responded to that suffering (in a concentration camp during World War II) with *trust*. Learning the depth of human helplessness and weakness, she turned to her ‘strong tower’ and He was faithful to His promises ... ‘Oh, I could never have survived,’ we say. Well, we were not asked to. But we could have if the Lord had allowed us to be put in her position, and if we had responded as Corrie did, looking to Him for the next grace. I mean, of course, that we could have survived spiritually. The body they may kill, but so what? In other words, *fear God and become fearless*. Nothing in heaven or earth or hell can scare you then.”

— Elisabeth Elliot

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: David Stewart, vocalist; Jake Paris, hand percussion; Mike Marchand, bass, Jonathan Bauer, accompanist.

Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Richard Kurtz.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....October 28, 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.

Reformation Sunday

This evening 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.

Older Women Fellowship

This women's group will meet at noon on Thursday, November 1st, at TGI Friday's in So Portland. Please bring the hand work project you are doing at this time. All are invited. Come and enjoy lunch together and a good time of fellowship. Questions? Contact Jeanne Mansfield at 647-8487.

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.

Teen Home Fellowship

Teens 7-12th grades are invited to the next fellowship on Sunday Nov. 4th at the Southwick's house following the worship service. Let them know if you are coming and what you can bring 892-7539. Transportation will be arranged for you. Parents can pick up your teen between 3-3:30pm. Lunch will be tacos. 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 11th after the worship service. Information will be presented on the church budget. All members should make an effort to attend.

Baby Paris Tea Party-November 11th

Ladies of CTR, young and not so young, we request the pleasure of your company at a tea party held in honor of Baby Paris. Come sip tea and nibble scones as we celebrate this new life! Hats, gloves, and British accents are optional. Please join us at 25 Longwood Terrace, home of the very elegant Gwen Tedder. Come after the congregational meeting. RSVP to Gwen 774-2847 by 11/4.

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Pillsbury Team	Perkins Team
Nursery	Joanne Crosby & Margaret Pearson	<u>Volunteers are Needed!</u>
Kid's Q	Joanne Crosby	Linda and Noah Southwick
Prayer	Dick Kurtz	Doug Tedder

Finances: Last week our collection was \$3,985.00. The offering given for the New Orleans Mission trip was \$850.00. 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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