

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

March 30, 2008  
*The Second Sunday of Easter*<sup>1</sup>

**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 the school house. Please ask one of the greeters if you need help finding your way. There is also a class during the sermon called **Kids’ Quest** for children (3 and older). 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** The Gospel of John 11:24-25 Rev. Warren

Minister: Jesus said to Martha, “Your brother will rise again.”

**All: Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”**

Minister: Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

**All: “Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.”**

**\*Song of Exultation** (100) “Holy, Holy, Holy” *NICAEA*

**\*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

**Song of Preparation** (455) vv. 1-3 “And Can It Be That I Should Gain” *Campbell*

**Scriptural Call to Repentance** *Based on Ephesians 2:1-3* Rev. Warren

The ways of the world bring death and decay. Our disobedience could only bring God’s wrath, but He did not leave us to ourselves. *Let us confess our sins to Him.*

**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.

**\*Song of Response** (455) vv. 4-5 “And Can It Be That I Should Gain” *Campbell*

**\*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** Rev. Warren  
*Praise Requests*

**Greeting and Announcements** Mrs. Joanne Crosby

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

### PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

**\*Scripture Reading** (Page 839) First Peter 1:10-16 Mr. James Mansfield

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**The Sermon** “Called to Holiness” Rev. Warren

#### 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.**

**\*Doxology** *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

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: Believe in the Lord, and give Him eternal praise and thanks!<sup>3</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** (598) “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” *Hughes*

### 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 and enjoy some refreshments following the worship service.*

<sup>1</sup> In the church calendar, the season of Easter lasts for seven weeks leading up to Pentecost. It begins with Easter Sunday when Jesus rose from the dead conquering death for us. During the time between His resurrection and His ascension, He gave witness to Himself as the risen Messiah. We use the color white in the vestments to represent both the purity of Christ and His resurrection life.

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

<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. We affirm our faith together with a great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us using the same words that martyrs have spoken at their deaths. It is no small thing to take this profession upon our lips. Please consider carefully the words that you say.

<sup>3</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.

# 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; Dan Mickool, accompanist.  
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Richard Kurtz.

## CHRIST THE REDEEMER

# Highlights.....March 30, 2008

### OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER

Friday Prayer- <i>Eggspectation Restaurant So Portland</i>	Fridays at Noon
Sunday Morning Prayer- <i>Breakwater School</i>	Sundays at 8:30 AM
<b>Home Fellowship Groups</b>	
Casco, Windham, Gray Region- <i>Robert Crosby-657-2445</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
Gorham- <i>@ Marchand home-839-9877-teacher Dave Stewart 712-9826</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays at 5:30 PM
Portland-Doug & Kristen Warren	TBD

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Today

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

#### NNE Missions Conference

The Manchester *Church of the Redeemer* will host our presbytery’s mission’s conference on **April 18-19, 2008**. **Donald A. Carson** will be speaking about Missions in the 1st and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. We will hear from a missionary to Spain and reports from our mission trips to Romania and New Orleans. Housing in Manchester is available. There will be a special program for the children. It will be a great time of learning and a great time of fellowship with folks from the churches in our presbytery. **A sign up sheet and hotel list are on the greeter table.** Register TODAY.

#### Aletha Silvester Camp Scholarship

Aletha was a member of CTR and upon her death a fund was set up in her memory. Aletha loved summer camp and wanted to provide a way for other young ladies to attend Christian Camps. If you or someone you know is a young lady interested in this scholarship let us know at the church office. There is a one page application to complete to be considered for this scholarship.

#### Teen Fellowship

Youth group will be held at the Southwick's on April 6<sup>th</sup> following the worship service. Please RSVP by e-mail at [sixsouthwix@roadrunner.com](mailto:sixsouthwix@roadrunner.com) or call 892-7539.

#### Jobs at Church

Did you know that each Sunday a group of people come to Breakwater School and set the room up for worship and fellowship? Nate Pillsbury and Tim Woodward are in charge of organizing set up. There are some who regularly help them with this job, but they really could use more helpers. Here is a list of some of the tasks to be done: putting out the hymnals and Bibles, preparing the communion, donating and/or helping to serve food, setting up the tables, and other needed worship service items. There is always a need for someone who could pass out the orders of worship and greet people. Help is also needed after the service is over and everything needs to be put away. If you could help with some task let them know. They sure would appreciate hearing from you.

#### Dates to Remember

Session Meetings	First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 p.m.
VBS-Sports Camps	July 28-Aug 1, 2008
Church Retreat	September 19-20, 2008

### SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

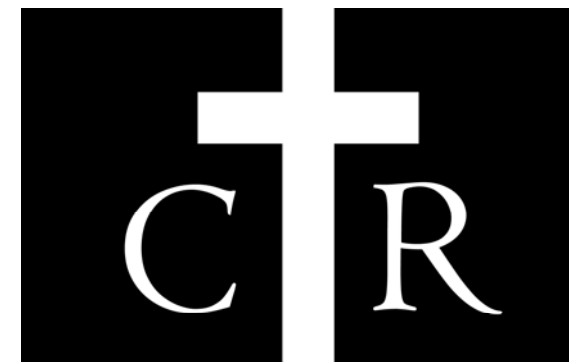
	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Set Up</b>	Fifth Week Team	Woodward Team
<b>Nursery</b>	Eric & Trisha Scribellito	April & Nathan Mathis
<b>Kid's Q</b>	Terry Cosgrove	Linda & Noah Southwick
<b>Prayer</b>	Richard Kurtz	Doug Tedder

### MINISTRY STAFF

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Douglas Warren	Pastor
Per Almquist	Associate Pastor
David Stewart	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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