

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

April 6, 2008

*The Third 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. 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** “Allegro” *Vivaldi*

**\* Call to Worship** Exodus 15 Rev. Warren

Minister: I will sing to the Lord, for He is highly exalted.

**All: The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.**

Minister: The Lord will reign for ever and ever.

**All: Let us sing to the Lord, for He is highly exalted!**

**\* 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) “Before the Throne of God Above” *Cook<sup>2</sup>*

**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** (170) “Fairest Lord Jesus” *Silesian folk song*

**\*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. Terry Cosgrove

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

### PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

**\*Scripture Reading** (Page 654) Zephaniah 1:1-6 Mr. Brian Cosgrove

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**The Sermon** “The Destruction of Creation” Rev. Stewart  
Sermon Series on the Book of Zephaniah  
**Zephaniah-The Day of the LORD**

**The Offertory** “A March” *Bach*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles’ Creed<sup>3</sup>

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 catholic<sup>4</sup> church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*Creedal Song** “Holy, Holy, Holy” *NICAEA*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

### 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** (246) “Man of Sorrows! What a Name” *Bliss*

### COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

**\*Concluding Prayer** Rev. Stewart

**\*The Benediction** Hebrews 13:20-21 Rev. Stewart

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** “Danza Pastorale” *Vivaldi*

*Please stay and enjoy some refreshments after the worship service.*

<sup>1</sup> This season of Easter is a celebration of the resurrection from the dead by Jesus. His triumph over death is the basis for our hope. The white and gold of the vestments speak of Christ’s purity, life, and power.

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

<sup>2</sup> © 1997 PDI Worship, Sovereign Grace Music. CCLI License No. 1958155.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> The term “catholic” is used here in its generic sense of the universal church, not to refer to a denomination.

## Reflections

“Tepid and complacent Christianity *nauseates* Jesus Christ.”

— Joseph F. (Skip) Ryan

“It seems silly that anyone who knows the difference between happiness and pleasure would continue to trade happiness for pleasure. It seems utterly stupid for a person to do something that he knows will rob him of his happiness. Yet we do it. The mystery of sin is not only that it is wicked and destructive but that it is so downright stupid.”

— R.C. Sproul

### 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, Beth Almquist, viola; Kathryn Pillsbury, violin;  
Evan Pillsbury, cello.

Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Doug Tedder.

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# Highlights.....April 6, 2008

### OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER

Friday Prayer-*Eggspectation Restaurant So Portland* Fridays at Noon  
Sunday Morning Prayer-*Breakwater School* Sundays at 8:30 AM

**Home Fellowship Groups**  
Casco, Windham, Gray Region-*Robert Crosby-657-2445* 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 6:30 PM  
Gorham-*@ Marchand home-839-9877-teacher Dave Stewart 712-9826* 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.

#### Teen Fellowship Today

Youth group will be held at the Southwick's home following the worship service.

#### 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. You can reach them at 883-2460-Nate Pillsbury, 221-5745-Tim Woodward.

#### Dates to Remember

Session Meetings First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 p.m.  
Presbytery Meeting April 12, 2008  
NNE Presbytery Missions Conference April 18-19, 2008  
VBS-Sports Camps July 28-Aug 1, 2008  
Church Retreat September 19-20, 2008

### SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Woodward Team	Second Week Team
Nursery	April & Nathan Mathis	Wendy & Kaylie Stewart
Kid's Q	Linda and Noah Southwick	Paula & Alison Marchand
Prayer	Doug Tedder	Robert Crosby

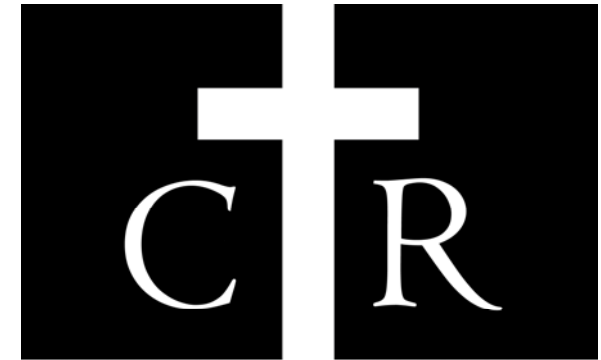
**Finances:** Last week our collection was \$2,132.35. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

### MINISTRY STAFF

(207) 878-1211 [www.MainePCA.org](http://www.MainePCA.org)

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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