

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

April 27, 2008

*The Fifth 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

**\*Call to Worship** 2 Samuel 22 Rev. Warren

Minister: The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;

**All: My God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation.**

Minister: He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior. I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise.

**All: The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God, the Rock, my Savior!**

**\*Song of Exultation** (92) “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” *Luther*

**\*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 Rev. Warren

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) “My Goal is God Himself” *Giacobbe<sup>2</sup>*

**Corporate Confession** Luther<sup>3</sup>

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. Warren

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** “You Are My Hiding Place” *Ledner<sup>4</sup>*

You are my hiding place. I will trust in You.  
You always fill my heart I will trust in You.  
With songs of deliverance. Let the weak say, “I am strong  
Whenever I am afraid, In the strength of the Lord.” *(repeat)*

I will trust in you.

**\*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!**

**Extending Christ’s Grace** NNE Presbytery Mr. Robert Crosby

**Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World** Rev. Warren  
*Praise Requests*

**Greeting and Announcements** Ms. Sue Miller

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

### PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

**\*Scripture Reading** (Page 655) Zephaniah 2:1-3 Mr. Jim Mansfield

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**The Sermon** “Hope in Despair” Rev. Warren  
Sermon Series on the Book of Zephaniah—*The Day of the LORD*

#### The Offertory

**\*Affirmation of Faith** First Catechism<sup>5</sup>

Minister: What must you do to be saved?

**People: I must repent of my sins, believe in Christ and live a new life.**

Minister: How do you repent of your sins?

**People: By being sorry enough for my sin to hate and forsake it.**

Minister: Can you repent and believe by your own power?

**People: No—I cannot do anything good unless the Holy Spirit enables me.**

Minister: How can you get the help of the Holy Spirit?

**People: God will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.**

**\* Sanctus** Isaiah 6:3 *Prince<sup>6</sup>*  
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 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:<sup>7</sup>

**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 may come forward. If you are not yet prepared for all the responsibilities that entails, please consider your estate before the 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) “Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting” *Pigott/Hampton<sup>8</sup>*

### 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

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<sup>7</sup> 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.

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<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.**

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<sup>3</sup> Adapted from the Lutheran Book of Prayer.

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<sup>5</sup> Catechisms are a question and answer format used for teaching in the church. First Catechism was based on Westminster for young children.

## Reflections

“Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves. Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance...absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.

“Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life.”

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“The gift of righteousness demands the obligation of righteousness. Justification as a work of God alone requires justice and mercy for the naked and hungry.”

— Harvie M. Conn

### 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; Mike Marchand, bass; Johnathan Bauer, accompanist.  
Serving Communion: Doug Warren, David Stewart, Nathan Pillsbury, and Richard Kurtz.

## CHRIST THE REDEEMER

# Highlights.....April 27, 2008

### OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER

Friday Mid-Morning Prayer-Eggspectations 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 5:30PM  
Portland-Doug & Kristen Warren TBD

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Today

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

#### Serving at Church

There is a need for more volunteers to help on Sunday to set up our facility for worship service and to do the take down after the service. If you could help, please contact our set up leaders. You can reach them by phone at 883-2460-Nate Pillsbury, 221-5745-Tim Woodward.

#### Word and Deed Ministry

On Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> the Word and Deed Ministry will meet at the Weathervane Restaurant in South Portland. Come at 12:30 for lunch and a time of fellowship and service together. If you have any questions call Jeanne Mansfield at 647-8487.

#### Congregational Meeting

Our next quarterly congregational meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** following the worship service. Plan now to attend and participate in this important aspect of our community life together.

#### ABBA Banquet

Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> ABBA, A Women’s Resource Center, will hold its Annual Community Awareness Fundraiser Banquet. Please consider coming to this event to see how God has worked through the ministry to meet the needs of women facing crisis pregnancies. Hear the moving story of a client who has accepted Christ as her Savior. See how God is faithful. For more information, contact Crystal Kepler at 636-7535 or [crkepler@gmail.com](mailto:crkepler@gmail.com).

#### Root Cellar Dinner

It is almost time for us to serve dinner at The Root Cellar. Our next turn is **May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Sign up sheets are on the back table. Check out how you can help and make plans now to participate.

#### Dates to Remember

Session Meetings First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 p.m.  
VBS-Sports Camps June 23-27, 2008  
Church Retreat September 19-20, 2008

### SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Pillsbury Team	Woodward Team
Nursery	Joanne Crosby & Margaret Pearson	April & Nathan Mathis
Kid's Q	Joanne Crosby	Linda and Noah Southwick
Prayer	Dick Kurtz	Doug Tedder

**Finances:** Last week our collection was \$2,072.02. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

### MINISTRY STAFF

**(207) 878-1211 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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