

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

May 11, 2008

The Day of Pentecost¹

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

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

Kevin Twit²

* Call to Worship

Zephaniah 3:14-15

Rev. David Stewart

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

*Songs of Exultation (Insert)

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

Wordsworth/Miner³

“Awesome God”

Mullins⁴

Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, pow’r and love – Our God is an awesome God. (repeat)

*Prayer of Adoration (concluded by praying together):

Mr. Robert Crosby

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

Rev. Stewart

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

Song of Preparation (Insert)

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

Kevin Twit⁵

Corporate Confession

from Psalm 25

Rev. Stewart

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love

remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD! For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

Silent Reflection/Confession

Please take a few moments to pray privately

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Psalm 130

Rev. Stewart

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 Renewal

“You Are My All in All”

Jernigan⁶

You are my strength when I am weak.
You are the treasure that I seek.
You are my All in All.
Seeking You as a precious jew’l
Lord, to give up I’d be a fool.
You are my All in All.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
Rising again I bless Your name.
You are my All in All.
When I fall down You pick me up,
When I am dry You fill my cup.
You are my All in All.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name. (2X)

*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. Robert Crosby

Greeting and Announcements

Mrs. Sharie Pillsbury

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

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

*Scripture Reading (Page 655)

Zephaniah 2:12-3:5

Mr. Jake Paris

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“Judgment Begins With Us”

Rev. Warren

Sermon Series on the Book of Zephaniah—*The Day of the LORD*

The Offertory

*Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism⁷

Minister: What is the chief end of man?

People: Man’s chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

Minister: What rule has God given to direct us in how to glorify and enjoy Him?

People: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us as to how we may glorify and enjoy Him.

*Barocha

Numbers 6:24

Card⁸

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make His face shine upon you
And give you peace
And give you peace
And give you peace, forever

The Lord be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face towards you
And give you peace
And give you peace
And give you peace, forever.

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: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.⁹

People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Minister: He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;”

People: The Lord Almighty is with us; The God of Jacob is our fortress.

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: God lives in a high and holy place,

People: But also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit,

Minister: To revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

People: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Approaching the Lord’s Table

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)

“We Will Glorify”

Paris¹⁰

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Warren

*The Benediction

Jude 24-25

Rev. Warren

Minister: To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forever more.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

¹ Pentecost originated as the feast of weeks as a celebration and offering to God at the conclusion of the grain harvest. It served as the primary occasion for covenant renewal and God used this time to renew His promises to His people through the gift of the Holy Spirit recorded in Acts 2:1-13.

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⁷ A catechism is a question and answer format for teaching the truths contained in Scripture. The Westminster Shorter Catechism was written in 1647 in England primarily as an aid for teaching children. It has been used by congregations and families in both worship and instruction for the past 350 years.

⁸ Adapted from the Lutheran Book of Prayer.

⁹ This communion litany is taken from Psalm 46. The themes of God’s presence with us and His power in conquering everything provide us hope. It is only in Him as our fortress that we can know His peace and rest. As we come to His table, let us look together to Him for our strength.

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Reflections

“Time and time again on the university campus, you are told that freedom of ideas is the most important idea....Freedom is the great illusion....Everyone is enslaved to something. The goal of faith is to make you enslaved to the right stuff...Christians exist to demonstrate to our culture that true freedom is being yoked to what is true—Jesus.”

— Stanley Hauerwas, *The Door*

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: Sharie Pillsbury, vocalist; Mike Marchand, bass; Johnathan Bauer, accompanist.
Serving Communion: David Stewart, Doug Warren, Robert Crosby, and Tim Woodward.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....May 11, 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 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
Gorham-@ Marchand home-839-9877-teacher Dave Stewart 712-9826 2nd and 4th Sundays at 5:30 PM
Portland-@ Tedder home-774-2847 Forming Meeting Saturday 5/17

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.

Congregational Meeting

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

Word and Deed Ministry

Thursday, May 15th 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.

Root Cellar Dinner

This coming Thursday, May 15th, we will be serving dinner at The Root Cellar. Sign up sheets are on the back table. Check out how you can help and make plans now to participate.

Teen/College Fellowship

On June 8 the teens and college students will have basketball game at Breakwater School after the worship service. All are welcomed. More details will follow.

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 | Second Week Team | Perkins Team |
| Nursery | Wendy & Kaylie Stewart | Doug & Gwen Tedder |
| Kid's Q | Paula & Alison Marchand | Steve & Katya Harmon |
| Prayer | Robert Crosby | Jim Mansfield |

Finances: Last week our collection was \$2,268.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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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