

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

May 18, 2008

Trinity Sunday

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

Psalm 19

Rev. Warren

Minister: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.

All: Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they acknowledge His glory.

Minister: There is no land or nation where their voice is not heard.

All: Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

*Song of Exultation (382)

“God Himself Is With Us”

Neander

*Prayer of Adoration

(concluded by praying together):

Mr. Jim Mansfield

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 (Insert)

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

Bonar/Twit¹

Scriptural Call to Repentance

Habakkuk 2:14, 18-20

Rev. David Stewart

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea... “Of what value is an idol, since a man has carved it? Or an image that teaches lies? For he who makes it trusts in his own creation; he makes idols that cannot speak. Woe to him who says to wood, ‘Come to life!’ Or to lifeless stone, ‘Wake up!’ Can it give guidance? It is covered with gold and silver; there is no breath in it. But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him.”

Corporate Confession

Rev. Stewart

Almighty and most merciful father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change

our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Reflection/Confession

Please take a few moments to pray privately

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1

Rev. Stewart

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Song of Renewal (252)

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Watts/Mason

*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

Praise

Requests

Rev. Stewart

Greeting and Announcements

Ms. Cynthia Setchell

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

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

*Scripture Reading (Page 656)

Zephaniah 3:6-8

Mr. Nathan Pillsbury

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“The Storm Before the Calm”

Rev. Warren

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

The Offertory

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed²

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 catholic³ 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.

*Gloria Patri

Greatorex

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning

Is now and ever shall be
World without end.
Amen. Amen.

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: Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.⁴

People: Lord, have mercy on us.

Minister: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

People: Let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: Believe in the Lord, and give Him eternal praise and thanks!

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.

Minister: Christ said, “I am the bread of life.”

People: He is our portion and our life.

Approaching Christ’s Communion 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 (253)

“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

Mason

*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Warren

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

*The Benediction

Second Corinthians 13:14

Rev. Warren

Minister: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

Please stay and enjoy some refreshments following the worship service.

Everyone is welcome to stay also for the congregational meeting. Members are encouraged to participate.

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

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² 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.

³ The term “catholic” here means universal and does not mean any particular denomination.

⁴ 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

“Zephaniah tells us that God will search Jerusalem (that's the people of God) to punish a particular sin. It's not murder or robbery or sexual immorality but *complacency and cynicism* that God finds so offensive. The people described are not *atheists* but *deists*, those who believe in God but do not see God intimately involved in moment-by-moment living. They do not believe He will transform the ‘hard cases’ or heal destructive relationships. They do not expect Him to penetrate either the impenetrable ghettos of poverty and violence on the one hand, nor the impenetrable ghettos of wealth, power, and influence on the other. Wine, if it was not poured, became tasteless and even rotten. Complacent people, never attempting anything except that which they are sure they have the resources easily to accomplish, become spiritually stagnant and tasteless. Complacent people aim for the safe line, never leaving their ‘comfort zones.’

“The alternative is to consider Jesus, who was constantly being ‘poured out’ and so avoided stagnation. He was in tears, wrestling and always being poured out because He lived moment by moment as if God were immediately present to bless and to judge. As a result, He was like the best wine of all—delicious, invigorating, live-giving. And so we can be.”

— Tim & Kathy Keller

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.

Musicians: Cynthia Setchell, vocalist; Matthew Pillsbury, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Per Almquist, Doug Warren, Nate Pillsbury, and Jim Mansfield.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....May 18, 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 SOME Saturdays at 5 PM

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-Today!

Our next quarterly congregational meeting is scheduled for **Today, May 18th** following the worship service. All members please plan to stay for this meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

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	Perkins Team	Pillsbury Team
Nursery	Doug & Gwen Tedder	Joanne Crosby & Monique Paris
Kid's Q	Steve & Katya Harmon	Joanne Crosby
Prayer	Jim Mansfield	Dick Kurtz

Finances: Last week our collection was \$4,229.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

MINISTRY STAFF

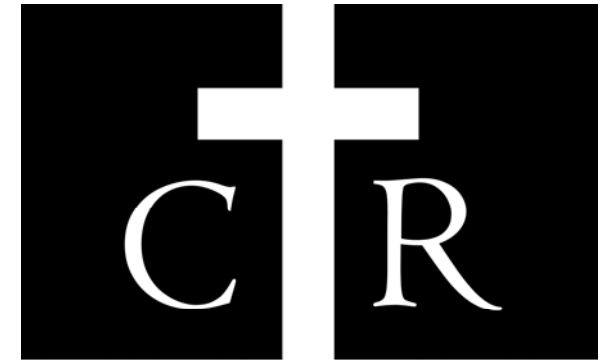
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Douglas Warren Pastor
Per Almquist Associate Pastor
David Stewart Associate Pastor
Joanne Crosby Office Manager

Service at Breakwater School 856 Brighton Ave Portland, ME. @ 10:30 AM
Sunday School for all ages at 9:15

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