

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

May 25, 2008

The Second Sunday after 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

***Call to Worship** Psalm 67 and 1 Chronicles 16 Rev. Warren

Minister: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

All: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

Minister: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

All: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

***Song of Exultation** (111) “This Is My Father’s World” *Sheppard*

***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) “How Sweet The Name of Jesus Sounds” *Reinagle²*

Corporate Confession Luther³

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** “Shout to the Lord” *Zscheb⁴*

My Jesus, my Savior, Shout to the Lord
Lord there is none like You, All the earth let us sing,
All of my days, I want to praise, Power and majesty praise to the King.
The wonders of Your mighty love. Mountains bow down
My comfort, my shelter, And the seas will roar,
Tower of refuge and strength. At the sound of Your name.
Let every breath, all that I am, I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.
Never cease to worship You. Forever I’ll love You, forever I’ll stand.

Nothing compares to the promise I have in You. *(Repeat all)*

***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. Kurtz

Minister: In Your mercy Lord,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Greeting and Announcements Mrs. Kristen Warren

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

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

***Scripture Reading** (Page 656) Zephaniah 3:8-13 Mr. Jim Mansfield

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon “Let the Nations Be Glad” Rev. Stewart
Sermon Series on the Book of Zephaniah—*The Day of the LORD*

The Offertory

***Affirmation of Faith** The Westminster Shorter Catechism⁵

Minister: How does Christ fulfill the office of King?

People: Christ fulfills the office of King in subduing us to Himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all His and our enemies.

Minister: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

People: At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory will be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

***Creed Song** Rev 4 & 5 *Dudley-Smith⁶*

Heavenly hosts in ceaseless worship
Holy, holy, holy’ cry;
He who is, who was and will be,
God Almighty, Lord most high.
Praise and honour, power and glory,
Be to him who reigns alone;
We, with all his hands have fashioned,
Fall before the Father’s throne.

All creation, all redemption,
Join to sing the Saviour’s worth;
Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us
Kings and priests, to reign on earth.
Wealth and wisdom, power and glory,
Honour, might, dominion, praise,
Now be his from all his creatures
And to everlasting days.

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:⁷

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.

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: God commands us to demonstrate our exclusive love for Him through our love for other people.

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 anything that belongs to your neighbor.

All: *Lord, have mercy on us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

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 to come, with all the responsibilities that entails, please 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) “Through All the World” *Liljestrand⁸*

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

***Concluding Prayer** Rev. Stewart

***The Benediction** John 14:27 Rev. Stewart

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

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.

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

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³ Adapted from the Lutheran Book of Prayer.

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⁵ Catechisms are a question and answer format used for teaching in the church. The Westminster Catechism is part of the Presbyterian Church’s confessional standards.

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⁷ 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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Reflections

God is pursuing with omnipotent passion a worldwide purpose of gathering joyful worshipers for himself from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. He has an inexhaustible enthusiasm for the supremacy of his name among the nations. Therefore, let us bring our affections into line with his, and, for the sake of his name, let us renounce the quest for worldly comforts and join his global purpose. If we do this, God's omnipotent commitment to his name will be over us like a banner, and we will not lose, in spite of many tribulations (Acts 9:16; Rom. 8:35-39). Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't. The Great Commission is first to "delight yourself in the LORD" (Ps. 37:4) and then to declare, "Let the nations be glad and sing for joy" (Ps. 67:4). In this way, God will be glorified from beginning to end, and worship will empower the missionary enterprise until the coming of the Lord.

—John Piper, *Let the Nations Be Glad*

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 is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a denomination committed to the historic Christian faith.

Musicians: Matthew Pillsbury, vocalist; Mike Marchand, bass; Johnathan Bauer, accompanist.

Serving Communion: Doug Warren, David Stewart, Timothy Woodward, and Richard Kurtz.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....May 25, 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.

Gorham Home Fellowship

The HFG that meets at the Marchand's will **NOT** be meeting this Sunday evening.

Ladies

The Word and Deed Ministry will meet this coming Thursday, May 29th at The Weathervane in South Portland at 12:30 for lunch, meeting and fellowship. This will be our last meeting until September. If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Mansfield at 647-8487.

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	Pillsbury Team	Woodward Team
Nursery	Joanne Crosby & Monique Paris	April & Nathan Mathis
Kid's Q	Joanne Crosby	Linda and Noah Southwick
Prayer	Dick Kurtz	Doug Tedder

Finances: Last week our collection was \$2,620.53. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

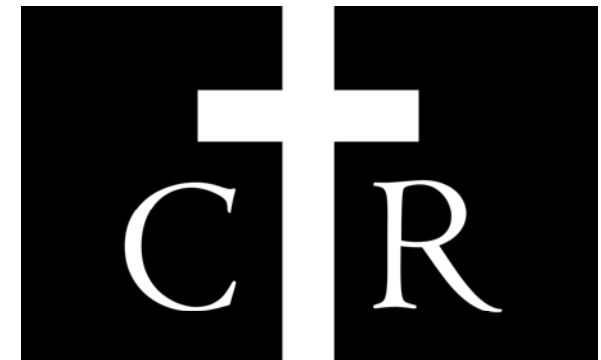
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David Stewart Associate Pastor
Joanne Crosby Office Manager

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

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