

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

June 1, 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

Psalms 95-96

Rev. Warren

Minister: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

All: Let us come before Him with thanksgiving, and extol Him with music and song.

Minister: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day.

All: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.

*Hymn of Exultation (115) “All Creatures of Our God and King” *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

*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. Per Almquist

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 (257) “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

Paderborn

Corporate Confession

Rev. Almquist

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. Almquist

Because Jesus Himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

*Song of Renewal (44)

“How Great Thou Art”

Swedish folk melody

*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!

Sunday School Presentation

First and Second Grade Class

Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World

Praise

Requests

Rev. Warren

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 656)

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Mr. Brian Cosgrove

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“Our Singing God”

Rev. Stewart

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

The Offertory

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed²

Minister: Christian, what is it that we together believe

People: We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. We 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. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic³ church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Alleluia, alleluia

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Oh, praise Him, Oh, praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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 (706) “Jesus Lives, and So Shall I”

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COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Warren

*The Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

Rev. Warren

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

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.

² 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.

³ The term “catholic” is used here in its generic sense of the universal church, not to refer to a denomination.

Reflections

When Paul tells his churches to “let the word of Christ dwell...richly” among them by means of “psalms, hymns and spiritual songs” (Col. 3:16 NIV), he’s inviting them to do more than use music as a “warm-up” to the sermon. The song is not ornamentation; it is participation in the very redemption of all creation. It plays its role in God’s showcasing his saving power before humans and angels (Eph. 3:10). The singing Paul talks about is more than a duty. It’s more than a warm-up. It’s a sacred activity, by which God’s life and ours interpenetrate. When we sing, we are not alone. We join a song our Savior is singing, and our singing is a sharing in his reclamation of our lost race.

—Reggie Kidd, *With One Voice*

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, violin/viola; Kathryn Pillsbury, violin;
Evan Pillsbury, cello; Matthew Pillsbury, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Per Almquist, Doug Warren, Nate Pillsbury, and Doug Tedder.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....June 1, 2008

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER

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| 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 nd and 4 th Wednesdays at 6:30 PM |
| Gorham-@ Marchand home-839-9877-teacher Dave Stewart 712-9826 | 2 nd and 4 th 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.

General Assembly

Our denomination has three levels for church deliberations: the local session, the regional presbytery, and the national General Assembly. Each June our General Assembly meets for its annual business meeting. This year it is being held in Dallas, Texas from June 10-13. Our pastors and one of our ruling elders will be attending these meetings to help with the leadership of our denomination. Please keep them and all the other delegates in your prayers.

Vacation Bible School and Soccer Camp

If you are available to help with VBS during the week of June 23-27th or if your children will be able to attend please indicate this on the attendance/prayer card in your order of worship and put this card in the offering plate. VBS will be in the morning (9-noon) and Soccer Camp in the afternoon. Talk to Pastor Warren if you have any questions.

Teen/College Fellowship

Due to scheduling problems the fellowship time on June 8th has been cancelled. This will be rescheduled so stay tuned for more details in the weeks ahead.

Dates to Remember

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| 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 |
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| 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 |

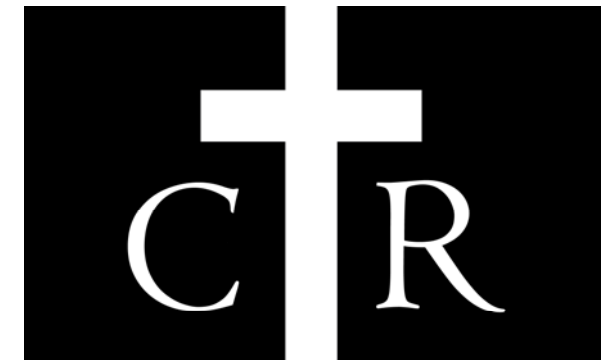
Finances: Last week our collection was \$4,545.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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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