

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

August 17, 2008

*The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost<sup>2</sup>*

### Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Reverend David Stewart

*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** “From the Depths of Woe” *Miner<sup>3</sup>*

**\*Call to Worship** Psalm 146:1-2 Rev. Stewart

Minister: Praise the LORD!

**All: Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

Minister: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

**All: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

**\*Song of Exultation (38)** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” *JOANNA*

**\*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

**Song of Preparation (Insert)** “From the Depths of Woe” *Miner<sup>4</sup>*

**Scriptural Call to Repentance** Psalm 130:1-4 Rev. Stewart

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

**Corporate Confession** Rev. Stewart

Gracious Lord, we confess now that we dishonor You in our words and thoughts and deeds. Depending on our own strength we stumble; proclaiming our own goodness, we sin; glorying in our own righteousness we corrupt everything we touch. Turning our faces from You, we desire the things of this world to satisfy us. We pray now, Lord, for You to forgive all of our many sins; to cleanse the darkness from our lives, and to turn our faces and our hearts back towards You. We pray these things in the name of Your most precious son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Silent Reflection/Confession** *Please take a few moments to pray privately*

**Proclamation of Forgiveness** Psalm 130:7-8 Rev. Stewart

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

**Song of Renewal (252)** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” *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** Rev. Stewart

**Greeting and Announcements** Mrs. Joanne Crosby

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

### PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

**Psalm (Insert)** “Lord, from the Depths to Thee I Cried” *Wilson*

**\*Scripture Reading (Page 434)** Psalms 130 & 131 Mr. Nathan Pillsbury

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**The Sermon** “A Contented Longing” Rev. Stewart

Sermon Series in Psalms: Singing Together on the Journey to Jerusalem

### The Offertory

**\*Affirmation of Faith** The Nicene Creed<sup>5</sup>

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 catholic<sup>6</sup> 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.

### CELEBRATION OF 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<sup>7</sup>

**People: Who takes away the sin of the world!**

### 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 (683)** “Not Haughty Is My Heart” *FESTAL SONGS*

**\*Concluding Prayer** Rev. Stewart

### COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

**\*The Benediction** Second Corinthians 13:14 Rev. Stewart

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> © 1997 Christopher Miner Music.

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

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<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> The term “catholic” here means universal and does not mean any particular denomination.

<sup>7</sup> 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

## 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: Cynthia Setchell, vocalist; Johnathan Bauer, accompanist.  
Serving Communion: David Stewart, Nathan Pillsbury, Robert Crosby, Tim Woodward.

## CHRIST THE REDEEMER

# Highlights.....August 17, 2008

### OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER

Friday Mid-Morning Prayer-Eggspectations Restaurant So Portland      Fridays at Noon  
Sunday Morning Prayer-Breakwater School      Sundays at 9:30 AM  
**Home Fellowship Groups**  
Casco, Windham, Gray Region-Robert Crosby-657-2445      Varies 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 5:30 PM  
Portland-@ Tedder home-774-2847      2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at 5 PM

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Today

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

#### Root Cellar Dinner

On August 28<sup>th</sup> CTR will host the Thursday night neighborhood dinner at the Root Cellar. There are sign-up sheets on the back table. Please consider helping by providing some of the food needed or perhaps helping to serve the dinner or visit the neighbors at the dinner tables. This is a great opportunity to show Christ's mercy and love to those who are less fortunate than us. Maybe the Lord will use you to bless someone as you "give the cup of cold water" in His name. If you have any questions please speak to Joanne Crosby.

#### Choir Plans

The choir will be meeting tomorrow (August 18th ) at the home of Nate and Sharie Pillsbury, 35 Mitchell Hill Road, Scarborough, ME. We will be singing on Sunday, August 24th. Rehearsal begins at 7:00 p.m. and will conclude at 8:15 p.m. If you love to sing and make a joyful noise, please plan on joining us. If you have any questions, please see David Stewart or give him a call at 712-9826.

#### Help for Africans

If you would like to be a blessing to fellow believers in Africa you could donate used toys, or retired laptop computers through a missionary who is returning to Africa at the end of this month. The toys are an expense many in Africa cannot afford so every toy donated is used and passed along to many families. The computers will be used by those attending a school of theology in Nairobi. If you can help please contact Kathryn Pillsbury at 775-0138.

#### Dates to Remember

Session Meetings      First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 p.m.  
Church Retreat      September 19-20, 2008  
Crop and Craft night for the CTR Ladies and friends at Gwen Tedder's home.      October 4, 2008

### SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

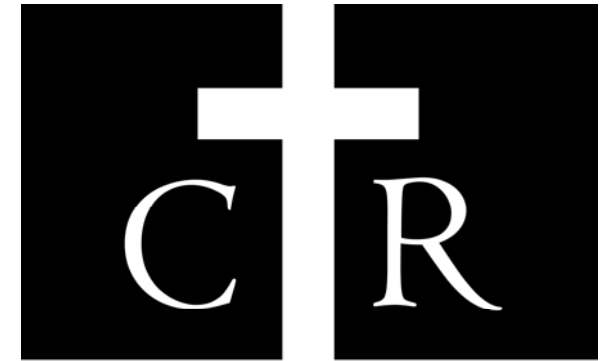
	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Perkins Team	Pillsbury Team
Nursery	Wendy & Kaylie Stewart	April & Nathan Mathis
Kid's Q	Doug & Gwen Tedder	Joanne Crosby
Prayer	Robert Crosby	Dick Kurtz
Sound	Jerod Kinney	Noah Southwick

**Finances:** Last week our collection was \$3,996.50. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

### MINISTRY STAFF

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David Stewart	Associate Pastor
Joanne Crosby	Office Manager



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