

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

August 24, 2008

*The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost<sup>1</sup>*

**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** “Give Praise to God” *Jones<sup>2</sup>*

**Call to Worship** Psalm 148 Rev. Warren

Minister: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the heights above.

**All: Praise Him, all his angels, praise Him, all His heavenly hosts.**

Minister: Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars.

**All: Praise Him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.**

Minister: Let them praise the name of the Lord,

**All: For He commanded and they were created.**

**Choral Call to Worship** “O Praise God in His Holiness” *Stanford<sup>3</sup>*

**\*Song of Exultation** (345) “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” *Haydn*

**\*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) “Lord Have Mercy” *Merkel<sup>4</sup>*

**Corporate Confession** Luther<sup>5</sup>

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** (Insert) “O Wondrous Love” *Cook<sup>6</sup>*

**\*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** (Insert) Mr. Kurtz

**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 434) Psalm 132 Mr. Robert Crosby

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm Singing** (Insert) Psalm 132

**The Sermon** “The Crown of David” Rev. Warren  
Sermon Series in Psalms: Singing Together on the Journey to Jerusalem

**The Offertory**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** The Heidelberg Catechism<sup>7</sup>

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**People: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

Minister: What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

**People: Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.**

**\*Creed Song** Rev 4 & 5 *Dudley-Smith<sup>8</sup>*

Heavenly hosts in ceaseless worship  
Holy, holy, holy’ cry;  
He who is, who was and will be,  
God Almighty, Lord most high.  
Praise and honor, 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:<sup>9</sup>

**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.

**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 your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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

**Words of Institution & Invitation**

Minister: We come to this table as lawbreakers.

**People: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

Minister: We come to this table as the holy people of God.

**People: Jesus the righteous One has made us a holy nation, God’s own people.**

**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 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” *Paris<sup>10</sup>*

### COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

**\*Concluding Prayer** Rev. Warren

**\*Choral Response** “Song of Simeon” *Buchanan<sup>11</sup>*

**\*The Benediction** John 14:27

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**

<sup>1</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.

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

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<sup>5</sup> Adapted from the Lutheran Book of Prayer.

<sup>6</sup> Steve & Vikki Cook, 2001 PDI Worship. CCLI License No. 1958155.

<sup>7</sup> Catechisms use a question and answer format for teaching in the church. The Heidelberg Catechism was written in 1563 and approved by the Church at the Synod of Dort (1618-1619).

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<sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> Text and music: Twila Paris. © 1982, Singspiration Music. Admin. Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc.

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**Highlights.....August 24, 2008**

**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: David Stewart, vocalist; Johnathan Bauer, accompanist.  
Serving Communion: Doug Warren, Dave Stewart, Richard Kurtz, and Robert Crosby.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER**

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 *2nd and 4th* Sundays at 5:30 PM  
Portland-@ Tedder home-774-2847 *2nd and 4th* Saturdays at 5 PM

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today**

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

**Root Cellar Dinner**

This Thursday August 28<sup>th</sup> CTR will host the 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.

**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.

**Sunday School**

Classes for all ages will begin on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Church Retreat**

It is time to sign up to attend our annual Church Retreat at Camp Cherith. This is a Friday evening-Saturday evening event that your whole family will be sure to enjoy. Come to hear good teaching and enjoy fun camp activities such as archery, riflery, swimming, and boating. You can sleep in a dorm room or a cabin. Enjoy times around the campfire and have a s'more. Cost= \$60. adult, \$30. child, \$175. family maximum. Sign up sheet is on the back table.

**Dates to Remember**

Session Meetings First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 p.m.  
Truth Project training event at First Baptist Church Portland September 27, 2008  
Crop and Craft night for the CTR Ladies and friends at Gwen Tedder's home. October 4, 2008

**SERVICE AND OFFERINGS**

	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Set Up</b>	Pillsbury Team	Fifth Sunday Team
<b>Nursery</b>	April & Nathan Mathis	Margaret Pearson & Terry Cosgrove
<b>Kid's Q</b>	Joanne Crosby	Katherine Cosgrove
<b>Prayer</b>	Dick Kurtz	Per Almquist
<b>Sound</b>	Noah Southwick	David Cosgrove

**Finances:** Last week our collection was \$3,665.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

**MINISTRY STAFF**

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

Service at Breakwater School 856 Brighton Ave Portland, ME. @ 10:30 AM



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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2008**

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