

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

September 28, 2008

The Twentieth 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 72 Rev. Warren

Minister: Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.

All: He will judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice.

Minister: May his name endure forever; may it continue as long as the sun. All nations will be blessed through him, and they will call him blessed.

All: Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds. Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory.

***Songs of Exultation** (441) “Jesus Shall Reign” *DUKE STREET*

***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) “Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul” *Steele/Twit²*

Corporate Confession

Lord God, You promise to shine Your face upon us and to give us Your peace. Even still we continue to sin against You and find that in the radiance of Your glory the horror of our own rebellion and defiance, our ambivalence and laziness, is made more

visible and repulsive. Forgive us, Father for the sake of Your Son. Change us and make us more like Him in whose name we pray.

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) “Shout to the Lord” *Zschech³*

***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!

Covenant Renewal: Bill Kay Rev. Warren

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to promote its purity and peace?

Vow for the congregation:

Do you, members of Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church, acknowledge your need for this brother in Christ and commit yourselves to his growth in holiness by the grace of God?

Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World Mr. Kurtz

Deacon: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

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 99) Numbers 9:1-10:10 Mr. Doug Tedder

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon “At the Lord’s Command” Rev. Warren
Sermon Series on Numbers: In the Wilderness with God’s Perfect Presence

The Offertory

***Affirmation of Faith** The Heidelberg Catechism⁴

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.

*** Sanctus** Isaiah 6:3 *Prince⁵*
Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts (*sing 2x*)
The whole earth is full of His Glory (*sing 3x*)
Holy is the Lord

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: We come to the table of our God and King.⁶

People: Lord, have mercy on us we pray.

Minister: We come according to the command of our God.

People: Christ, have mercy for we have broken Your law.

Minister: We come to pledge anew our devotion to our King.

People: Lord, have mercy for Christ’s sake we pray.

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: Meet us here in sweet communion, Lord Christ, we pray.

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) “I Will Glory In My Redeemer” *Cook⁷*

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

***Concluding Prayer** Rev. Warren

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

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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⁴ Catechisms are a question and answer format used 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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⁶ A three-fold refrain calling upon God’s mercy called the *Kyrie eleison* from the Greek for “Lord have mercy” has been used for centuries by God’s people as a way of reaffirming our utter need for the grace of God.

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Reflections

“The World is trying to experiment with attempting to form a civilized but non-Christian mentality. The experiment will fail; but we must be very patient in awaiting its collapse; meanwhile redeeming the time: so that the Faith may be preserved alive through the dark ages before us; to renew and rebuild civilization, and save the World from suicide.”
— T.S. Eliot

“Among the most vital means of grace are other Christians.”
— Richard Lovelace

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; Mike Marchand, bass; Johnathan Bauer, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Doug Warren, Per Almquist, Doug Tedder, and Richard Kurtz.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....September 28, 2008

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER

Sunday Morning Prayer-Breakwater School

Sundays at 8:30 AM

Home Fellowship Groups

Casco, Windham, Gray Region-Robert Crosby-657-2445 **First Meeting today-Sept 28th for lunch!**
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

Sunday School is held each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. There are classes for all ages. Plan to join a class this school year. Please stay for refreshments after the service and get better acquainted with one another.

Ladies Night

Want to visit with and get to know other ladies at CTR? Come to the home of Becca Ballada on October 4th between 4-8 pm. The CTR ladies will be getting together to do crafts and have time to talk with one another. If you have any questions contact Becca at 767-6002.

Youth Group Plans

The Youth Group will be meeting on the **first** Sunday of each month. The first meeting will be on **October 5th**, a lunch and Bible study at the Kinney's home after the worship service.

Annual Root Cellar Banquet

On October 17th the Root Cellar will hold their Annual Banquet at Keeley the Katerer 178 Warren Ave. Portland. The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. Come and be a part of a group from CTR as well as many other local churches. Help support this wonderful ministry and hear about what the Lord has done through this work in the past year. Contact the church office for a reservation.

ABBA Walk Fair

On Saturday, November 1st from 9:00-11:00 a.m. you can participate in a Walk Fair for Life. This walk fair will be at the Portland Sports Complex @ 512 Warren Ave, Portland. Come and walk for two miles and help ABBA as they serve those in crisis pregnancies in this community. See Crystal Kepler to sign up to walk or to pledge your support for this project.

Dates to Remember

Session Meetings

First and Third Tuesday evenings- 6:00-9:00 p.m.

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Pillsbury Team	Woodward Team
Nursery	Kristen & Karis Warren	April & Nathan Mathis
Kid's Q	Donnelly Warren & Kevin Kidd, Jr.	Linda & Noah Southwick
Prayer	Richard Kurtz	Doug Tedder
Sound	Jerod Kinney	David Cosgrove

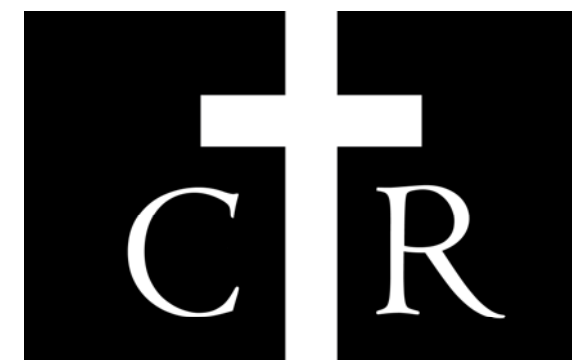
Finances: Last week our collection was \$5,280.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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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