

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

August 1, 2010

*The Lord's Day*¹

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. 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

***Choral Call to Worship** (insert) “Sing a New Song to the Lord” *Dudley-Smith*²

***Call to Worship** Psalm 86 Rev. Warren

Minister: We will praise you, O Lord our God, with all our whole hearts; we will glorify your name forever. For you have delivered us from the power of death.

All: **Bring joy to your servants, O Lord, for to you we lift up our souls. There is none like you; no deeds can compare with yours.**

Minister: All the nations you have made will come and worship before you. They will bring glory to your name, for you alone are God.

All: ***Teach us now your way, O Lord, and we will live in your truth. Give us undivided hearts that we may fear and praise your great name.***

***Hymn of Exultation** (76) “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” LAUDA ANIMA

***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 Psalm 11: 4, 5, 7 Rev. Warren

The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD's throne is in heaven, his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of men. The LORD tests the righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence. For the LORD is righteous; he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face.

Song of Preparation (insert) “How Deep the Father's Love for Us” *Townend*³

Corporate Confession Psalm 51 Rev. Warren

Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, I have sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak, and blameless when you judge.

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

Proclamation of Forgiveness Psalm 130 Rev. Warren

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption. He Himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

***Song of Renewal** (642) “Be Thou My Vision” SLANE

***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. Warren

Greeting and Announcements Mrs. Terry Cosgrove

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

***Scripture Reading** (Insert) 2 Samuel 9:1-13 Mr. Brian Cosgrove

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Sermon “A Place at the King's Table” The Reverend Brian Walker

The Offertory

***Affirmation of Faith** The Westminster Shorter Catechism⁴

Minister: What is the chief end of man?

People: **Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.**

Minister: What rule has God given to direct us in how to glorify and enjoy Him?

People: **The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us as to how we may glorify and enjoy Him.**

*** Sanctus** Isaiah 6:3 *Prince*⁵

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 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: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.⁶

People: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.**

Minister: He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;”

People: **The Lord Almighty is with us; The God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: God lives in a high and holy place,

People: **But also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit,**

Minister: To revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

People: **The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Approaching the Lord's Table

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** (420) “At the Lamb's High Feast” ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

***Concluding Prayer** Rev. Warren

***The Benediction** Jude 24, 25 Rev. Warren

Minister: To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forever more.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Postlude

¹ Each Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection from the dead by Jesus. His triumph over death is the basis for our hope. The first day of the week now points us forward to the certainty of His return.

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

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⁴ A catechism is a Question and Answer format for teaching the truths contained in Scripture. The Westminster Shorter Catechism was written in 1647 in England primarily as an aid for teaching children. It has been used by congregations and families in both worship and instruction for the past 350 years.

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⁶ This communion litany is taken from Psalm 46. The themes of God's presence with us and His power in conquering everything provide us hope. It is only in Him as our fortress that we can know His peace and rest. As we come to His table, let us look together to Him for our strength.

Reflections

“Mephibosheth had not done one thing to merit the kindness. He had not to do his part first, as some say. No! Grace went to fetch him from Lo-debar, the very place where he was. And did not the Son of God come to poor sinners, just where they were? He came to fetch them, and He found them dead in trespasses and sins. And did He not take that very place and die, the Just for the unjust, to bring us to God?”

— Charles Stanley

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: Sharie Pillsbury, vocalist; Elizabeth Hasbrouck, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Doug Warren and Doug Tedder, Nate Pillsbury, and Robert Crosby.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....August 1, 2010

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER

Home Fellowship Groups

Youth Group
Casco, Windham, Gray Region-*Robert Crosby-657-2445*
Gorham-@ Lane's home-839-2002-teacher *Dave Stewart 712-9826*

Suspended for the Summer
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August 8th at 5:30 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

After the morning worship service please Linger Longer for a time of fellowship, refreshment, and getting better acquainted. **Welcome to the VBS Team from Clemson Presbyterian. Thank you for coming to minister with us this week.**

Vacation Bible School

This week Monday-Friday we will be having VBS at **Lyseth Elementary School**. VBS runs from 9:00 a.m. to Noon each day. Children from 3 years-old to rising 6th graders are invited. If you have not registered please bring your children in about 8:45 to register at Lyseth Elementary School. Keep this outreach ministry in your prayers.

Congregational Meeting

Next Sunday, August 8, 2010 there will be a quarterly congregational meeting following the worship service. All members are asked to attend and everyone is welcome.

Church Retreat

September 17-19th (Friday-Sunday) there will be a retreat you will not want to miss. It will be held at Papoose Pond Resort 700 Norway Rd., Waterford, ME. Activities include canoes, kayaks, mini-golf swimming, softball, etc. There will be plenty of time for great fellowship along with prayer time and gathering around the table to eat together. The rate will vary depending upon what accommodations you choose. You can also just come for the day. A Sunday worship service will be held at 10:00 am. Check out their website at www.papoosepondresort.com and make your reservations.

Northern New England Presbytery Missions Conference

Mark your calendar to attend this Missions Conference on November 5-6, 2010 in Bedford NH. Hong Key Chung from Bucharest Romania will be with us along with Mary Bell from Romanian Christian Enterprises. Our main speaker will be Dr Michael Milton, President of RTS Charlotte. Come spend time with folks from all our NN England churches. Don't miss this event!

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Woodward Team	Lane Team
Nursery	Kristen & Donnelly Warren	Linda & Caleb Southwick
Prayer	Doug Tedder	Jim Mansfield

Finances: Last week our collection was \$1,480.51. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

Stewardship Report of congregational giving for current year—a new fiscal year began July 1st, 2010

Actual	Budget	Variance
\$13,161	\$17,500	\$4,339 unfavorable

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 is suspended for the summer



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