

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

August 8, 2010

Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Reverend Doug 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

***Call to Worship** Isaiah 12:3-6 Rev. Warren

Minister: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

All: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

Minister: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

All: Shout and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

***Song of Exultation** “Here in This Place” *Davis*¹

***Prayer of Adoration** *(concluded by praying together):* Mr. James Mansfield

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) “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” *Twit*²

Scriptural Call to Repentance Hebrews 4:14-16 Rev. Warren

Knowing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need. *In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.*

Corporate Confession Rev. Warren

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, Lord, 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 Romans 8:1 Rev. Warren

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

***Song of Renewal** (insert) “Psalm 102” PARK STREET

***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. Sharie Pillsbury

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

***Scripture Reading** (Insert) Psalm 102 Mr. Nathan Pillsbury

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon The Prayer of the Destitute Rev. Warren
Songs of Sorrow for Our Sin

The Offertory

***Affirmation of Faith** The Nicene Creed³

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 catholic⁴ 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.

***Creedal Song** “Holy, Holy, Holy” *NICAEA*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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: Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you.
People: We are not our own, but have been bought with a price.

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: We are joined together with Christ and are one with Him.
People: By His grace, we will glorify God in our body.
Minister: God has not only raised the Lord, but will also raise us up . . .
People: He will raise us up through His power.
Minister: You have been bought with a price; therefore glorify God with your body.
People: Strengthen us now Lord, that we may glorify You in our body.

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** “At the Cross” *Butler*⁵

I know a place, a wonderful place	At the cross, (at the cross)
Where accused and condemned	He died for our sin.
Find mercy and grace,	At the cross, (at the cross)
Where the wrongs we have done	He gave us life again.
And the wrongs done to us	<i>(repeat)</i>
Were nailed there with Him,	<i>(repeat all)</i>
There on the cross.	I know a place, a wonderful place.

***Concluding Prayer** Rev. Warren

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

***The Benediction** Second Corinthians 13:14 Rev. Warren

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

Please stay and enjoy some refreshments after the worship service.

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

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³ 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.

⁴ The term “catholic” here means universal and does not mean any particular denomination.

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Reflections

The gospel is the message of God's redeeming love in sending his own Son into the world. Those who understand that love will be driven to share it. They will not only rejoice to sit down with other redeemed sinners in heaven's feast; they will seek other sinners in Christ's name to call them home. As Christ was sent, so he sends them, and the dynamic of mission is the heart of the love of God.

— Edmund P. Clowney

It seems that more than ever the compulsion today is to identify, to reduce someone to what is on the label. To identify is to control, to limit. To love is to call by name, and so open the wide gates of creativity. But we forget names, and turn to labels . . . If we are pigeon-holed and labeled we are un-named.

— Madeline L'Engle

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; Mike Marchand, bass; Nathanael Hasbrouck, guitar; Elizabeth Hasbrouck, accompanist.

Serving Communion: Doug Warren, James Mansfield, Richard Kurtz, and Nathan Pillsbury.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....August 8, 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.

Congregational Meeting

TODAY, 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 Lane Team	Next Week Perkins Team
Set Up	Linda and Caleb Southwick	Jolene Kinney and Terry Cosgrove
Nursery	James Mansfield	Nathan Pillsbury
Prayer		

Finances: Last week our collection was \$5,463.15. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

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

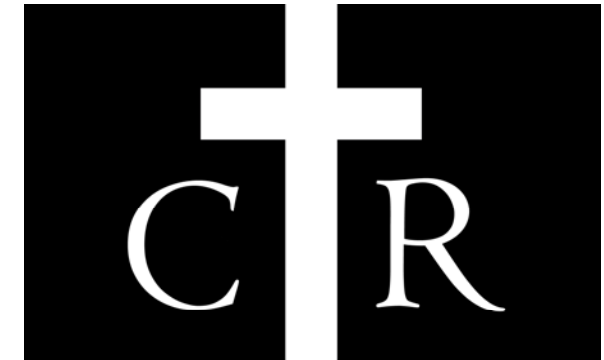
Actual	Budget	Variance
\$13,161	\$17,500	\$4,339 <i>unfavorable</i>

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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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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2010

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