

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

August 15, 2010

The Lord's Day!

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

*Call to Worship

Psalms 100

Rev. Warren

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come before his presence with singing!

All: Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

All: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

*Hymn of Exultation (382)

“God Himself Is With Us”

Neander

*Prayer of Adoration *(concluded by praying together):*

Mr. Nathan Pillsbury

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

1 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 (457)

“Come, Thou Fount, of Every Blessing”

EBENEZER

Corporate Confession

Rev. Warren

O Lord, merciful and mighty, we unworthy sinners, come to Thee 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.

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)

“Psalm 103”

BEECHER

*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

Please kneel if you are able to do so.

Greeting and Announcements

Mrs. Joanne Crosby

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

*Scripture Reading

Psalms 103

Mr. Robert Crosby

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“Keeping Covenant with God”

Rev. Warren

Songs of Sorrow for Our Sin

The Offertory

*Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism²

Minister: What does God require of us, that we may escape His wrath and curse, due to us for sin?

People: To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin, God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption.

Minister: What are the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption?

People: The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption are, his ordinances, especially the Word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Alleluia, alleluia

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Oh, praise Him, Oh, praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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 spoke these words, and said, “I am the Lord your God:³

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 murder.

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 (460)

“Amazing Grace”

Newton

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 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.

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

² 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.

³ 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.

Reflections

“True piety is not fully distinguished from its counterfeit till it comes to trial.”
— John Calvin

“Jehovah is worthy to be praised by us in that highest style of adoration which is intended by that term **ble**ss.”
— Charles Spurgeon

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; Elizabeth Hasbrouck, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Doug Warren, Nathan Pillsbury, Robert Crosby, and Dana Perkins.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....August 15, 2010

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER

Home Fellowship Groups

Youth Group	<i>Suspended for the Summer</i>
Casco, Windham, Gray Region- <i>Robert Crosby-657-2445</i>	<i>Suspended for the Summer</i>
Gorham-@ <i>Lane's home-839-2002-teacher Dave Stewart 712-9826</i>	<i>Watch for announcements</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

After the morning worship service please Linger Longer for a time of fellowship, refreshment, and getting better acquainted.

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	Perkins Team	Miller Team
Nursery	Jolene Kinney and Terry Cosgrove	Kaylie Stewart, Lauren & Emma
Prayer	Nathan Pillsbury	Richard Kurtz

Finances: Last week our collection was \$3,897.31. 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>

MINISTRY STAFF

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Joanne Crosby	Office Manager

Service at Breakwater School 856 Brighton Ave Portland, ME. @ 10:30 AM
Sunday School classes for all ages suspended for summer

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