

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

August 22, 2010

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** Psalm 145:1-4 Rev. Warren

Minister: I will bless you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

All: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Minister: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

All: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

***Song of Exultation** (insert) “We Come, O Christ, to You” *Stewart*

***Prayer of Adoration** *(concluded by praying together):* Rev. Stewart

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 Isaiah 55:6-7 Rev. Stewart

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Song of Preparation (insert) “From Depths of Woe” *Miner*²

Corporate Confession Rev. Stewart

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Proclamation of Forgiveness Psalm 34:7-8 Rev. Stewart

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

***Song of Response** (insert) “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder” *Taylor*³

***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. Stewart

Greeting and Announcements Ms Cynthia Setchell

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

***Scripture Reading** Psalm 130 Mrs. Kristen Warren

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon “Full Redemption” Rev. Warren
Songs of Sorrow for Our Sin

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.

*** Creedal Song** *Dudley-Smith*⁵

Heavenly hosts in ceaseless worship
Holy, holy, holy’ cry;
He who is, who was and will be,
God Almighty, Lord most high.
Praise and honour, 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 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 faithful. As we come to His table, we confess how we have failed Him and profess His faithfulness.⁶

People: You, our Lord, are faithful! Forgive us our infidelity.

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: This cup of blessing is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

People: You have washed us together in Your blood, Jesus, so we are clean.

Minister: The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

People: Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread.

Minister: Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

People: Meet with us, blessed Savior. Embolden us to bring glory to Your name in all that we do, say, and think. Feed us now we pray.

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** (insert) “Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting” *Pigott/Hampton*⁷

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

***Concluding Prayer** Rev. Warren

***The Benediction** Ephesians 3:20, 21 Rev. Warren

Minister: Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

*** 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 This communion litany is based First Corinthians 10:13-31.

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Reflections

“No man’s really any good till he knows how bad he is, or might be; till he’s realized exactly how little right he has to all this snobbery and sneering and talking about ‘criminals’ as if they were apes in a forest ten thousand miles away...till he’s squeezed out of his soul the last drop of the oil of the Pharisees; till his only hope is to capture one criminal and to keep him under his own hat.”
—G. K. Chesterton

“We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope.”
— Martin Luther King, Jr.

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; Mike Marchand, bass; Matthew Pillsbury, accompanist.
Serving Communion: Doug Warren, David Stewart, Robert Crosby, and Nate Pillsbury.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....August 22, 2010

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER

Home Fellowship Groups

Youth Group
Casco, Windham, Gray Region-*Robert Crosby-657-2445*
Gorham-*@Favre's home-283-8721-teacher Dave Stewart 712-9826*

Suspended for the Summer
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

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

Home Fellowship This Evening

The Gorham Home Fellowship will meet this evening at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Bob and Kathi Favre. Location: 128 Guinea Rd Biddeford. All are welcomed.

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. Register under your own name over the phone or through the website. Phone: 583-4470, Website: www.papoosepondresort.com.

Sunday School

Sunday School for all ages will resume on September 12th. Make plans now to be in study together here at Christ the Redeemer. Please note that we will not have Sunday School the following Sunday September 19th due to the church retreat.

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!

Root Cellar Dinner

Our next turn to serve the Thursday evening dinner will be coming up soon on September 30th. Mark this on your calendar and watch for a sign up sheet soon.

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

Set Up	This Week Miller Team	Next Week Understaffed Team
Nursery	Kaylie, Lauren, Emma	
Prayer	David Stewart	Richard Kurtz

Finances: Last week our collection was \$2,687.01. 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 suspended for the summer

Church office located at 630 County Road in Westbrook



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2010

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