

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

August 29, 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** First Corinthians 1:9, 30, 24, 18 Rev. Warren

Minister: God is faithful. It is by His doing that we are in Christ Jesus and made holy.

All: Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Minister: God's way of salvation is folly to the world, but to us who are being saved,

All: It is the power of God in the gospel. Let us worship our Redeemer!

***Hymn of Exultation** (100) "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

***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 Joel 2:12, 13 Rev. Warren

"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Song of Preparation (insert) "Psalm 143" ST. ELIZABETH

Corporate Confession Rev. Warren

O You whose chosen dwelling is the heart that longs for Your presence and humbly seeks Your love: we come to You to acknowledge and confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves.

Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, or for the good we have left undone. But You, O Lord, are full of compassion and grace, slow to anger and abounding in mercy; there is forgiveness with You. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us the word that we need, and let Your word abide with us until it has wrought in us Your holy will.

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.**

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

Proclamation of Forgiveness Psalm 103:8-12 Rev. Warren

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

***Song of Renewal** (Insert) "Before the Throne of God Above" Bancroft/ Cook²

***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. Kristen Warren

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

***Scripture Reading** (Insert) Psalm 143 Ms. Sue Miller

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon "A Servant's Prayer" Rev. Warren
Songs of Sorrow for Our Sin

The Offertory

***Affirmation of Faith** The Holy Catholic³ Church The Belgic Confession⁴

Minister: What do we believe concerning God's holy catholic church?

People: **We believe and confess one single catholic or universal church – a holy congregation and gathering of true Christian believers, awaiting their entire salvation in Jesus Christ being washed by his blood, and sanctified and sealed by the Holy Spirit.**

This church has existed from the beginning of the world and will last until the end, as appears from the fact that Christ is eternal King who cannot be without subjects.

And this holy church is preserved by God against the rage of the whole world, even though for a time it may appear very small in the eyes of men – as though it were snuffed out. For example, during the very dangerous time of Ahab, the Lord preserved for himself seven thousand men who did not bend their knees to Baal.

And so this holy church is not confined, bound, or limited to a certain place or certain persons. But it is spread and dispersed throughout the entire world, though still joined and united in heart and will, in one and the same Spirit, by the power of faith.

***Creedal Song** (737) "Christ, We Do All Adore Thee" Dubois

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³ The term "catholic" here refers to the universal Church of Jesus Christ regardless of denomination and not to the Roman Catholic Church.

⁴ We recite creeds to join our voices with those of the early Church in a common belief, and to remind us that the Christian's hope is grounded, not in the passing luxuries of modern culture, but in the steadfast faithfulness of Jesus. This statement is taken from the Belgic Confession (1561).

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: Behold, the Lamb of God⁵
People: Who takes away the sin of the world!

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: Believe in the Lord, and give Him eternal praise and thanks!
People: Lord Christ, help us to believe in You and always give You thanks and praise.

Minister: Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.

People: This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast.

Minister: Christ said, "I am the bread of life."
People: He is our portion and our life.

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) "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder" Taylor⁶

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

***Concluding Prayer** Rev. Warren

***The Benediction** 2 Thessalonians 3:16 Rev. Warren

Minister: Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

⁵ This communion litany is based on the one used in Strassburg, Switzerland in the dawning of the Protestant Reformation. The Scriptural quotations are from Hebrews and the Gospel of John.

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Reflections

“Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, when He said, ‘Repent,’ willed that the whole life of believers should be one of repentance.”

— Martin Luther

“The flouting of God is always the length and breadth of [sin].”

— Derek Kidner

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, Nathan Pillsbury, Robert Crosby, and Richard Kurtz.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....August 29, 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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Watch for announcements

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. 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

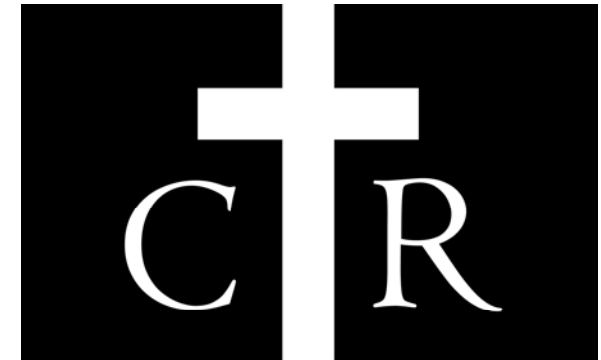
	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Understaffed Team	Woodward Team
Nursery		Kristen and Karis Warren
Prayer	Richard Kurtz	Doug Tedder
Stewardship Report	of congregational giving for current year—a new fiscal year began July 1 st , 2010	
Actual	Budget	Variance
\$13,161	\$17,500	\$4,339 unfavorable

MINISTRY STAFF

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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
Office: 630 County Road in Westbrook



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