

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

September 5, 2010

*The Lord's Day*¹

Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Reverend David L. Stewart

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 6

Rev. Stewart

Minister: I saw the Lord, seated on a throne, high and exalted,

All: And the train of his robe filled the temple.

Minister: Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: with two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

All: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

*Hymn of Exultation (92)

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Luther

*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

Isaiah 30:15-18 The Reverend Douglas D. Warren

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; He rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is God of justice. Blessed are those who wait for Him!

Song of Preparation (481)

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Lemmel

Corporate Confession

Rev. Warren

Holy Father, we long to have you change our hearts. We confess to You that we do not obey You as we should. We love little, speak not the truth, harbor resentment, and leave the oppressed with no defender. We break Your holy law, leave undone what You command, and delight in what You have forbidden. Merciful Lord, we humbly ask that You would forgive us and change our hearts. Conform us to the image of Your Son. Holy Spirit, work in us we pray, that we might be like You.

Silent Reflection/Confession

Please take a few moments to pray privately

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Hebrews 2:18

Rev. Warren

Because Jesus Himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

Song of Renewal (642)

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

Sacrament of Baptism

Russell Charles Rogers

Rev. Stewart

Professing his faith in Jesus Christ as his Redeemer

Reception of a New Member:

Rev. Warren

Vows for the new member:

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ?

Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to promote its purity and peace?

Vow for the congregation:

Do you, members of Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church, acknowledge your need for this brother in Christ and commit yourselves to his growth in holiness by God’s grace?

Prayer of Baptism and for New Member

Mr. Nathan Pillsbury

*Baptismal Song (32)

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Rumyan

*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

Hebrews 12:1-17

Mr. Richard Kurtz

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“The End of Repentance”

Rev. Stewart

The Offertory

“His Love Can Never Fail”

*Miner*²

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed³

Minister: Christian, what do you believe concerning God, the Father?

People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Minister: What do you believe concerning Jesus?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into

heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Minister: Christian, what do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit and His work?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic⁴ church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Greatorex

Glory be to the Father, And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen. Amen.

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: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Words of Institution & Invitation

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world,

People: Have mercy upon us!

Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world,

People: Grant us your peace!

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Approaching the King’s Feast

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

“His Love Can Never Fail”

Miner

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

*Concluding Prayer

Rev. Stewart

*The Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

Rev. Stewart

Minister: Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

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.**

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³ The Apostles’ Creed is a concise summary of the teachings of the apostles. Originally used as a baptismal confession in the second century, it was developed into its current form by the sixth or seventh century.

⁴ The term “catholic” is used here in its generic sense of the universal church, not to refer to a denomination.

Reflections

QUESTION 87. What is repentance unto life?

ANSWER: Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience. **WCF, Shorter Catechism**

Q. 1. Why is the repentance, described in the answer called *repentance unto life*? Acts 11:18.

A. Because being a saving grace, it is inseparably connected with salvation, of which it is a part; and likewise to distinguish it from the "sorrow of the world," which "works death." 2 Cor. 7:10.

2. What is meant by the sorrow of the world working death?

A. The meaning is, that the legal sorrow, or horror of conscience, which the men of the world may have, from a dread of God, as a vindictive judge, ready to pour out the vials of his wrath and vengeance upon them, without any conception or belief of his mercy through Christ, is nothing else but the beginning of eternal death, and inconceivable misery; as was the case with Cain, Judas, and others.

Q. 3. Is repentance a transient action or an abiding principle?

A. It is an abiding principle, continually disposing the person to mourn for sin, and to turn from it all the days of his life. Isa. 38:14, 15.

Q. 4. Is repentance then to be considered as a thing that is over with the first days of one's religion?

A. No; but it is to be viewed as a permanent grace, a habitual frame of soul, inclining those who are privileged with it, to mourn daily for sin, till "God will wipe away all tears from their eyes," in heaven. Rev. 21:4. — *Fisher's Catechism*

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.**

Musicians: Sharie Pillsbury, vocalist; Elizabeth Hasbrouck, accompanist.
Serving Communion: David Stewart, Doug Warren, Richard Kurtz and Doug Tedder.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....September 5, 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>Marchand's home 839-9877-teacher Dave Stewart 712-9826</i>	<i>2nd and 4th Sundays at 5:30 pm</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 great fellowship along with prayer and gathering 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 by 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. The adult Sunday school will begin a study of First John. Please join us as we take an in-depth look at this portion of scripture.

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. The sign-up sheet is on the greeter table. Please consider helping with the food, music, or visiting with the Root Cellar neighbors who attend the dinner. Questions? Talk to Joanne Crosby.

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

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

Finances: Last week our collection was \$2,007.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

Stewardship Report of *congregational* giving for current year—Fiscal year through August 2010

Actual	Budget	Variance
\$30,727	\$32,707	\$1,980 <i>unfavorable</i>

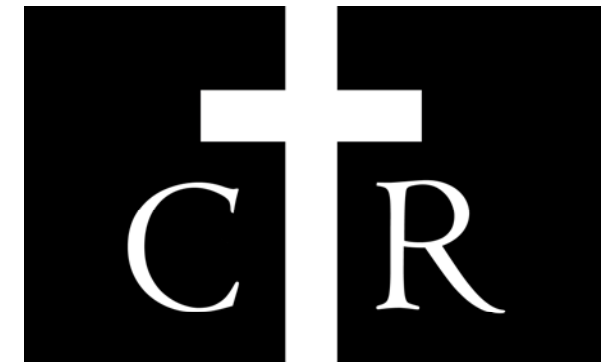
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Douglas Warren	Pastor
Per Almquist	Associate Pastor
David Stewart	Associate Pastor
Joanne Crosby	Office Manager

Service at Breakwater School 856 Brighton Ave Portland, ME. @ 10:30 AM
Sunday School for all ages at 9:15

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