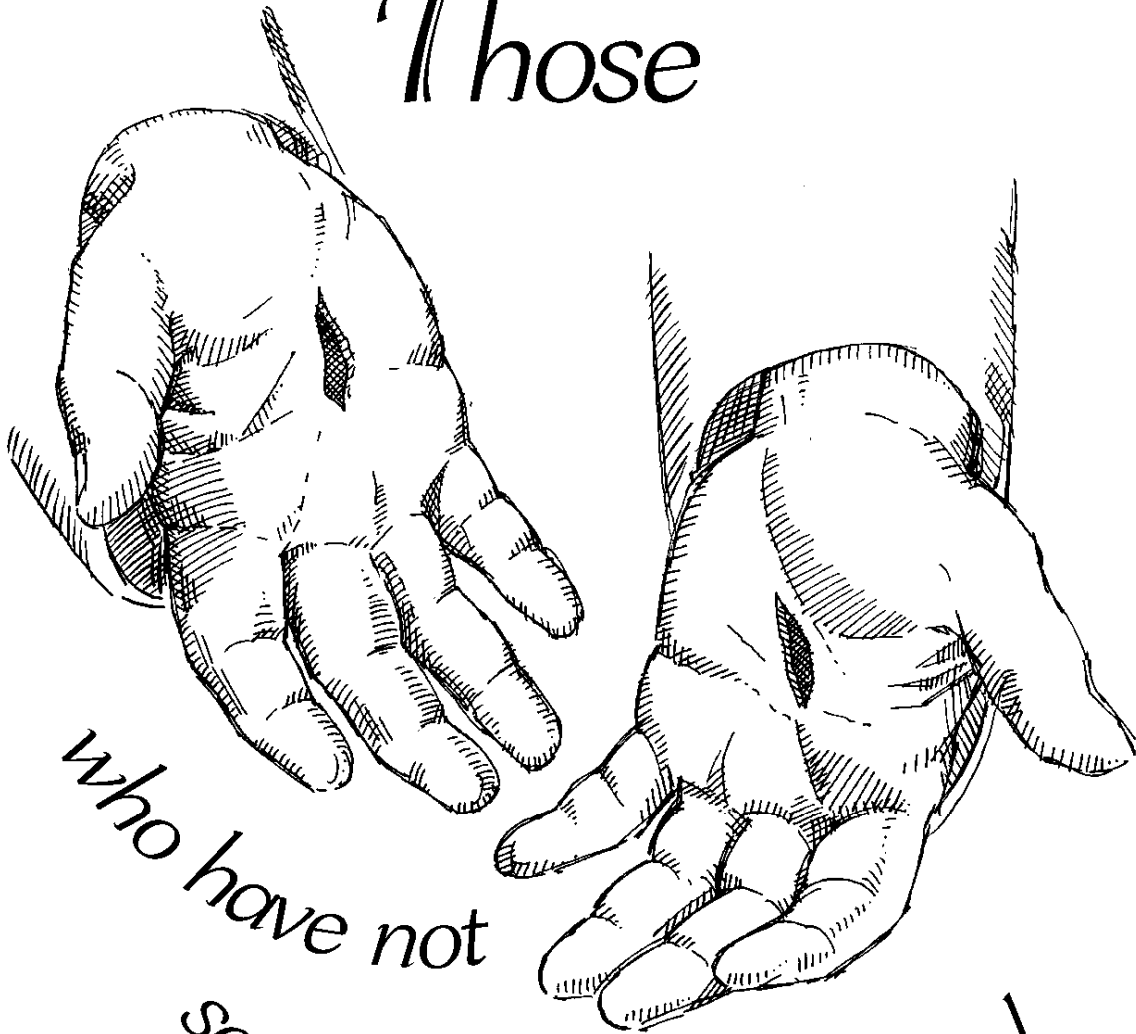


Blessed
are
Those



who have not
seen and yet have believed.

John 20:29

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Valley Community Presbyterian Church
8060 SW Brentwood, Portland, Oregon 97225

Second Sunday of Easter
April 11, 2010 at 10:00 AM

❖ *Please stand as you are able*
Bold Text is spoken by everyone

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN SING

ACOLYTES

Birgitta Carlson and Halle Dixon

WELCOME & COMMON CONCERNS *(Please sign and pass the friendship folder)*

❖ INTROIT

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist, Linda Sanderman

Praise the Lord all the wonderful instruments of music.

**Let the sound of music be a powerful way to praise God
for all God's blessings.**

Let all the earth be filled with God's praise!

**Let the towns, villages, the cities and countryside
ring with God's praise!**

Let praise sound in darkness and light,
let praise sound in sunshine or storm!

**Let praise be heard from the deepest valley to the highest hill.
Praise be to God!**

❖ HYMN

Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

No. 2020

❖ CALL TO CONFESSION

❖ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, we confess that we far too often want proof for everything.

**We want proof that someone loves us;
we want proof that we can trust in others;
we want proof that everything in life is going to turn out all right.**

It is easy for us to point our finger at Thomas who was honest about his fears. He had seen so much healing and hope.

But those hopes seemed dashed when Jesus died. Even the news of the

Resurrection did not completely lift the darkness from his life.

Jesus said to him, just as he says to us,
"Peace, be still. Do not doubt but believe!"

Lord, forgive our unbelief! Forgive the many times when we think and act in ways which are hurtful and mean.

Heal our wounds. Bind up our spirits in the cords of your compassion.

Help us to fully place our trust in you, with our whole hearts, and minds, and spirits, and souls. For we ask this in your name.

AMEN.

... Silence is kept ...

❖ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

❖ **RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show
(verse 1 only)

No. 481

❖ **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

BOLIVIA MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING

Connie Brenner

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Kay Hope Gold

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Cry Out and Shout

Wagner

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

From the Psalmist
From the Gospel

Psalm 150
John 20:19-31

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Seeing and Believing

Ben Paroulek

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.16)

RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING

Call for the Offering

Organ Offertory

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Childs

(Note: After the offertory, please rise as the ushers pass your pew to present the offering for dedication.)

❖ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 592

❖ Prayer of Dedication

God, bless these gifts that they may be shared in the spirit of an Easter people, ever seeking ways to live out faith in acts of service. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

❖ HYMN

We Walk by Faith

No. 2196

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Christ the Lord Is Risen
(verses 1-6)

No. 2116

PIANO POSTLUDE

Etude in G^b

Chopin

You are invited to remain seated and conclude worship with the postlude.