



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

Good Shepherd Sunday
April 25, 2010 at 10:00 AM

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

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Victory

C. S. Lang

ACOLYTES

Megan Bootsma and Madeleine Smith

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

INTROIT

Festive Praise
Royal Ringers

arr. Helman

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist, Jan Bellis-Squires

Praise to the Lamb who is seated on the Throne of Heaven!

Praise be to God who offers God's love to us!

Let us sing continually of God's wisdom, and power, and might.

Let our voices be raised in joyful celebration!

Worthy is the Lamb to receive honor, and glory, and majesty.

Let our hearts rejoice at God's redeeming love for us. AMEN.

❖ **HYMN**

Canticle of the Sun (please see insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Anger, hatred, anguish blare at us from the newspapers, media.

The shouts of hurt and pain harden our hearts, merciful God.

We cannot bear the hurts, so we turn away. We hide and want the hurt to disappear.

When we hear the words of the Psalmist singing about the green pastures, still waters, our souls long for this place of peace.

We think that it can be found outside ourselves, yet this is a reminder of the peace and hope that your love offers us from within.

We know that we will have struggles and hard times, but help us, Lord, to place our lives in your care, to trust in your comfort and guidance.

Forgive our stubborn resistance to your compassionate love.

Heal us again and place us on the right path.

For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

... Silence is kept ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖ **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show* No. 481
(verse 1 only)

❖ **THE PEACE**
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

SPECIAL MUSIC *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* arr. Hale
Adult Bell Choir

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH Kay Hope Gold

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM *Exultation for Easter* Brown

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

From the Psalmist

A Litany of Psalm 23

(Maisie Wilson and Jane Gamble, readers)

Reader 1: I don't know much of anything about sheep...

Reader 2: There was a young girl in my church who raised sheep...

Reader 1: The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.

Reader 2: He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside still waters.

Reader 1: He restores my soul.

ALL: He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup runs

