



Alleluia!

HE IS ALIVE!



Service for the Lord's Day

EASTER SUNDAY

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

April 4, 2010 at 8:30 AM

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

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Victory

C.S. Lang

TOLLING OF THE BELL

LOWERING OF THE SHROUD

ACOLYTE PROCESSIONAL

❖ CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Christ Is Alive!

No. 108

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist, David Jimerson

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leap and spin, you powers of heaven. Burst into explosive songs of joy, all you companies of angels.

Let the throne of God be surrounded with the praises of all that has life.

The earth glories in her Maker. Now mountain and valley glow in splendor; the sea on the shore whispers the praises of Jesus. Rivers stream through thirsty soil, bringing news of gladness – the Redeemer is risen.

His glory fills the earth. The trees thunder their praises, and loudly clap their hands.

Sound a trumpet through all the earth. Our Morning Star is alive!

Risen in splendor, He is among us; the darkness is driven back. We, His people, join in the dance of all creation.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, like the first witnesses of the resurrection, we too come to the empty tomb with a variety of responses. We hear the good news that Jesus has risen, but so often the evidence for this is difficult to detect in our lives.

Forgive us when we fail to make the risen Christ evident through our words, our actions and our lives.

For so many people, the only good news of this weekend is that it usually provides the opportunity for a holiday and family gatherings.

Forgive us if we feel that this time of worship is an interruption to our planned holiday activities.

As we come to the empty tomb seeking forgiveness for all our faults and shortcomings, help us to re-order our priorities so that we put the risen Christ first in our lives at all times.

Forgive us when we forget that the tomb is forever empty because Jesus is here and is wherever Christians live and worship.

Help us always to remember the costly act of Jesus Christ which led to victory over sin and death, an act which gives us the gift of a new beginning — guilt free and graced by love. The tomb is empty because Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia. Amen!

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear, believe, and live the good news. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

❖ **HYMN OF ASSURANCE** *The Day of Resurrection* No. 118

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

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH Kay Hope Gold

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FROM THE PROPHET *Isaiah 65:17-25*

FROM THE GOSPEL *Luke 24:1-12*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Clothes Line or Kite String?* Ben Paroulek

RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING

Call for the Offering

Offertory *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth, from Messiah* Handel
Wendy Steele, soprano; Neil Hollister, violin; Darlene Cusick, piano

(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

Bless these offerings, O God, which we return to you, that in our seeking and our serving, our ministry might illumine paths and uplift the heads of those who seek you. Guide us in your wisdom and love that we may use these gifts to manifest your presence in the world in all that we do. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Supper
Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer
Receive Elements as Invited
Communion Music
Prayer

GO IN GOD'S NAME

❖ **HYMN**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

No. 123

❖ **BENEDICTION**

❖ **CONGREGATION BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today! (verse 1 only)

No. 113

❖ **POSTLUDE**

Fanfare

C.S. Lang

*If you choose, you are invited to exit following the benediction,
or remain seated and conclude worship with the postlude.*