



Matthew 20:22

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

August 23, 2009 at 10:00 AM

❖ *Please stand if you choose*
Bold Text is spoken by everyone

GATHER IN G_D'S NAME

HYMN SING

WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

❖ CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT *He Has Made Me Glad* No. 2270

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist, David Marquis

Blessed are all who live in peace:

**who find their true strength in humility,
who discover the deep rooted gift of serenity.**

Blessed are all who travel along the highway of peace:

who move easily along the paths of friendship and good will.

Blessed are all who find a home in peace:

**who find a day in G_d's contentedness to be better than a thousand in
disarray. Amen.**

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE *Hear the Good News of Salvation* No. 355

❖ CALL TO RECONCILIATION

❖ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

How lovely is your dwelling place of peace, Holy G_d;
forgive us when we choose to live in discord.

How wonderful are the paths of tranquility;
forgive us when we put on shoes laced with anger.

How gracious are your words of friendship and love;
forgive us when harsh, hurting, shameful speech spews from our lips.

Have mercy on us, Gentle Grace, and enable us to become peacekeepers for your creation. Embrace us with that mystery of the gospel in which pain is transformed into praise, where restlessness becomes placidness, and agitation is replaced by sweet accord with one another as gifts from the One who came that we might have peace in every moment of our lives – Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

❖ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

G_d does not withhold forgiveness from us, but fills us with hope, with joy, with peace.

We are at peace. G_d has heard our prayers, has forgiven our sins, has reconciled us to G_d, and to one another. Amen.

❖ **RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

Gloria Patri

No. 579

❖ **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

SPECIAL MUSIC

A Time for All Things
Laurel Kruetzer, alto

Wood

**A TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH
RAMADAN**

PROCLAIM G_D'S WORD

PSALM 84

Cantor, Adam Steele

Hal H. Hopson

6 *Refrain*



God is our ref - uge; God is our strength.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 20:17-28

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to G_d!

SERMON

It Is About Service

René Minschew

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.16)

RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING (Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

Call for the Offering

Offertory

❖ Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 592
(Traditional tune, but we will be singing it a little faster)

❖ Prayer of Dedication

There is always something special, O G_d, about the moment when we bring our offerings to you, for every gift represents a heart that has been touched in some way by your goodness. Receive our gifts, therefore, in the gladness and humility with which they are given and know that we really love you. Amen.

GO IN G_D'S NAME

❖ HYMN *Grace Alone* No. 2162

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds (verse 1 only) No. 412

** Concerning the writing of the word G_d in the worship bulletin:
the name of G_d is so holy that it is never to be written, only pointed to.*