



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

First Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2010 at 10:00 AM

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

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PIANO PRELUDE

Etude in E flat minor

Chopin

ACOLYTES

David Caputo and Eric Blair

WELCOME & COMMON CONCERNS

(Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

OUR PURPOSE IN ACTION

One Great Hour of Sharing

INTROIT

As the Deer
Royal Ringers

Nystrom, arr. Betcher

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist, Raoul Bellis-Squires

How are we to know we are loved by God, as deeply as Sarah and Abraham were?

At the center of the covenant is God's promise, as well as God's honor.

How are we to know that when we cry out to God, that we will be heard?

At the center of our relationship with God is love and trust.

How are we to trust that what people like Paul and Jesus tell us is true?

At the center of Scripture we find God, full of grace and wonder.

❖ HYMN

Word of God in Human Language

No. 2246

❖ CALL TO CONFESSION

❖ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Refuge of our hearts, we must admit that all too often you are not the center of our lives. We find shelter in all the false securities the world offers, rather than grounding ourselves in your promises.

Our emotions drive our fears, and so we end up making foolish choices, rather than being guided by your word and heart. We turn to the politicians,

the celebrities, the commentators to give us guidelines for living, rather than following the One who comes in your name.

We ask one thing of you, our God, that you not hide your face from us, but turn to us with forgiveness and hope. Be gracious to us, so we might share such grace with those around us.

Fill our emptiness with your love, so we might become more loving. Open our hearts, as well as our eyes, to see the One who comes to gather us up and lead us into your presence, Jesus Christ, our guide in the journey of faith.

Silence is kept

❖ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The good news is that at the very moment we discover that the temptations of the world provide no true home for us, we find God sheltering us with love, with grace, with joy.

Gathered up in God's grace, we become forgiven and whole. We can lift glad songs of joy to the One who makes us new. Thanks be to God! Amen.

❖ **RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

Gloria Patri

No. 579

❖ **THE PEACE**

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

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Put Thy Trust in God from As Pants the Hart

Handel

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of covenants, we often move through our deserts and wildernesses unchanged. Today let us hear your words in scripture and song so that they move us and change us.

May we come from our time of worship with the same fire and passion that burned in the life of Jesus as he came out of his wilderness. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

FROM THE PSALMIST (Cantored)

Psalm 27

7 *Refrain* Hal H. Hopson



Lord, I call to you; O hear my cry.

FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word
Thanks be to God!

Luke 13:31-35

SERMON

Under God's Wing

Ben Paroulek

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

RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING

Call for the Offering

(Note: The Worship Committee is inviting everyone to stand up when the ushers pass your pew and remain standing as they present the offering.)

Offertory *Six Studies in English Folk Song*, mvmts. 1 and 2 Vaughan-Williams
Don Baxter, clarinet; Darlene Cusick, piano

❖ Doxology during Lent *For the Fruit of All Creation*

For the fruit of all creation, Thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, Thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,

Silent growth while we are sleeping,

Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, Thanks be to God.

❖ Prayer of Dedication

When we love, O God, we want to give. We would give away our very lives if we loved enough. It is out of our love for you and the world you have made that we turn now to the act of worship through giving. Let these love offerings of our hearts reach out into all the world, saving lives and making life more worthwhile, through Jesus Christ our Guide. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

❖ **HYMN**

Lord of All Hopefulness

No. 2197

❖ **BENEDICTION**

❖ **CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

The Lord Bless and Keep You

PIANO POSTLUDE

Etude in F major

Chopin

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