



And the Lord  
said to Moses,  
“Make a poisonous  
serpent, and set it on  
a pole; and everyone  
who is bitten shall  
look at it and live.”

~ Numbers 21:8

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Valley Community Presbyterian Church  
8060 SW Brentwood, Portland, Oregon 97225  
February 8, 2009 at 10:00 AM

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

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN SING

ACOLYTES

Ariel Derting and Fanni Standlee

WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

❖ CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

*Be Still and Know That I Am God*  
(sing 3 times)

No. 2057

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist, Lyle Chadwick

One: To disciples, then and now, Jesus has said, "You are the light of the world...Let your light so shine before all, that they may see your good works and glorify your God who is in heaven."

All: **We have come together to be community, to receive light, and to be light. To this end we dedicate ourselves.**

One: We have come together to be windows through which, instructed and illuminated by God, we might see the world more clearly.

All: **We have come to be windows through which the world might know the light and love of God. To this end we will praise and magnify God.**

❖ PRAYER OF INVOCATION

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE

*To God Be the Glory*

No. 485

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You are our light, O God. In your presence our lives are illumined, our way becomes clearer. Our own light comes from you: Like small candles lit from the Christ candle on Christmas Eve, we are able to shine with love and hope because you love us and give us reason to hope. Yet we confess to you, O God, that we often hide our light under a bushel. Not trusting our perceptions, we do not share our truth with others. Not trusting our abilities, we do not risk sharing our gifts in community. Not trusting our skills in relationships, we do not reach out in friendship, we do not raise issues which should be raised, we do not break the silence of anger to give or seek forgiveness. Help us to trust in you where we cannot trust ourselves. Radiate through us with your holy love and wisdom, healing the hurts of the past, giving us courage for the future. Warm our coldness; relax our tight muscles; give us clarity and peace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who came to reveal your light to the world. Amen.

## SILENT, PERSONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- ❖ **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

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

*Numbers 21:4-9 and John 3:14-21*

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### ANTHEM

*Amazing Grace*  
Eugenia Kwon, flute

arr. Proulx

SERMON

*Watch for the Signs: Snake on a Stick*

Pastor Minshe

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

*Invocation*

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❖ Doxology

❖ Prayer of Dedication

**We realize, Lord of the Church, that our small gifts by themselves might not accomplish a great deal; but blended with the gifts of others in this place and church wide, these offerings can become a potent force in the world. Bless the gifts and the givers, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

❖ **HYMN**

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

No. 358

❖ **BENEDICTION**

❖ **CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*O Laughing Light* (please join in singing with the choir)

No. 2093

*The time after the benediction is a time for hospitality. Please take this opportunity to make new friends and invite them to join you upstairs at coffee hour.*