




**Lord, when was it that we
saw you?** Matthew 25:37


**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**
OUT OF CHAOS, **HOPES**

Presbyterians respond to the earthquake
GIVE, ACT, PRAY www.pcusa.org/pda

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

January 24, 2010 at 10:00 AM

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

Collect: *Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all who have suffered in the earthquake in Haiti, especially those who are homeless, the sick and injured, and those who grieve the loss of loved ones. Strengthen us in faith and inspire us in reaching out to them that we may help to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, to rebuild their land, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this for the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

ORGAN PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Manz

ACOLYTES Allison Kurtz and Lindsay Kurtz

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

❖ **INTROIT** *Kyrie* No. 2275

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgists, Kristina Kurtz, Allison Kurtz

God has made this day.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us worship the living God!

To God, Fountain of Life, Living Word, and Spirit of Holiness, be praise in all the earth.

❖ **HYMN** *In Haiti, There is Anguish*
(Sung to the tune for "Beneath the Cross of Jesus")

In Haiti, there is anguish that seems too much to bear;
A land so used to sorrow now knows even more despair.
From city streets, the cries of grief rise up to hills above;
In all the sorrow, pain and death, where are you, God of love?

A woman sifts through rubble, a man has lost his home,
A hungry, orphaned toddler sobs, for she is now alone.
Where are you, Lord, when thousands die — the rich, the poorest poor?
Were you the very first to cry for all that is no more?

O God, you love your children; you hear each lifted prayer!
May all who suffer in that land know you are present there.
In moments of compassion shown, in simple acts of grace,
May those in pain find healing balm, and know your love's embrace.

Where are you in the anguish? Lord, may we hear anew
That anywhere your world cries out, you're there — and suffering, too.
And may we see, in others' pain, the cross we're called to bear;
Send out your church in Jesus' name to pray, to serve, to share.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, Spirit of Power, we confess that at times we come to you seeking miracles, but only for ourselves. We confess that we withhold the gifts you bestow on us for service, using them only for our own benefit. Open our eyes, that we may trust your wonder-working power and allow that power to work in us, and through us for others. We pray in the mighty name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! God has forgiven each one of us and calls us to take our parts in the drama of redeeming love.

Praise God, who accepts and uses our very human lives in the unfolding story of salvation and new life!

❖ 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

Shed a Little Light

Taylor

Steve Peter, solo; Bob Rasmussen, piano; David Derting, bass; John Lamb, drums

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 9:1-4 and Matthew 4:12-23

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Where Do We Go From Here?

Pastor Minshew

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

RESPOND TO THE WORD

As God's people, we are called to stand in the "GAP" — Give, Act, Pray.

OFFERING

Call for the Offering

Piano Offertory

Intermezzo in E

Brahms

❖ Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 592

❖ 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 across our church, 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

Wade in the Water

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❖ BENEDICTION

❖ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Seek Ye First

No. 333

POSTLUDE

Etude in f Minor

Chopin

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