

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

July 18, 2010 at 10:00 AM

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

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN SING

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

PURPOSE IN ACTION

❖ CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT *Bind Us Together* No. 2226

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist, Jan Bellis-Squires
Moses saw a burning bush and he took off his sandals, for he expected to be on holy ground.

We have come to worship with our shoes on and our minds distracted. How shall we find holiness?

As in Moses' time so also now, God always hears the cries of people and comes to be with them.

Our prayers are full of cries. How shall we know that God answers?

"I AM," God told Moses, and then God asked him for commitment.

In this time of worship may we recognize God's name and respond to God's call.

❖ HYMN *Amazing Grace* No. 280

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Potter-God, with the clay of our lives on your fingers —

We confess that the treasure of your love for all people is held in the earthen jar of our lack of compassion.

We confess that the treasure of your justice is held in the earthen jar of our avoidance of issues.

We confess that the treasure of your peace is held in the earthen jar of our restless conflict.

We confess that the treasure of your gospel

is held in the earthen jar of our church.
Forgive, restore, and sculpt us to your will.
Do not shatter us, but rather mold us to a shape
in which we can be pourers of grace for others. Amen.

... Silence is kept ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖ **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *Gloria Patri* No. 579

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MUSICAL PRESENTATION

Lead Me in Your Truth
God Is My Hero

Morton
Moore

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH
Cents-Ability Offering

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Exodus 3:1-4; 13-15 and 2 Corinthians 4:1-10*
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word
Thanks be to God!

SERMON *On Living in the Present* Pastor Minschew

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Sue Koning, Deacon

THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.16)

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

OFFERING

Call for the Offering
Piano Offertory *Reverie* Debussy

(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

Ruler of the Sabbath, in love you have given us a treasure in clay jars—the life of Jesus in our giftedness, our time, and our possessions—that you call us to use for the life of the world. We lay these before you on this Sabbath, pledging all to you and asking that you use these treasures to your glory and for the sake of your creation. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- ❖ **HYMN** *Deep in the Shadows of the Past* No. 330

- ❖ **BENEDICTION**

- ❖ **CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**
Cry of My Heart No. 2165

- ❖ **BLESSING FOR THE CHURCH PICNIC**

Jesus, we ask you to join us in our fun today. More often, we come to you asking for help with our needs, when we're sad, or when we are in formal worship. But today, we also want you to come and play with us – all of us, young and mature alike! You know what it is to laugh and play. Please be with us today in our joy, our conversations, our play and our laughter.

We will now gather outside on the lawn as a community of faith connected to each other through you, and the work and love of your church. May our bodies be nourished by the foods prepared in kitchens miles apart from one another yet gathered together at your table. May we digest the richness of the variety of tastes and textures before us. And may our conversations be full of curiosity and delight.

Our picnic anticipates the great banquet of heaven. May we serve one another and you in gratitude. In Jesus' name, we party! Amen: let's play!

- ORGAN POSTLUDE** *The Rejoicing* Handel

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