

*When you
walk
through the
fire, you
will not be
burned:...*

ISAIAH 43:2



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

July 25, 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 *Holy Ground* No. 2272

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist, David Marquis

God of wondrous love, you have touched us and never left us in despair.

You have held us in our grief and chaos. You have never deserted us.

You paid us a visit and your visit has never ended.

You clung to us when we were given up for dead.

In life and in death—you raise us anew! This we know!

This we experience! This is your word of assurance!

God of wondrous love, touch us again in this time of worship.

Stay with us—as we continue healing our memories and lives.

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

❖ HYMN *How Firm a Foundation* No. 361

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Thou, whose very name is Love, we mean to do well, but our intentions are soon discarded. We try to be faithful, but we are diverted by so many things. We do not wish to harm anyone, but, for lack of consideration, we sometimes hurt those we love the most. We sympathize for those who suffer more often than we act with them. We refuse to accept the help of others because we are unwilling to admit our needs. We, too, can say with the man who came to you, "Lord Jesus, I am not worthy that you should enter my house; only say the word and I shall be healed!"

... Silence is kept ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is no greater joy in the heart of God than the moment when a son or daughter opens to the gift of forgiveness. God's Spirit reaches out to assure us of welcome in Christ.

In the name of Jesus Christ we are God's by grace. With great joy we are made alive. 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 *Ain'a That Good News* Messick

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Isaiah 43:1-7 and Luke 7:1-10*
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word
Thanks be to God!

SERMON *God and Our Unworthiness* Pastor Minshew

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

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

OFFERING

Call for the Offering
Piano Offertory *Clair de Lune* 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**

There is nothing in our hands, O God, that was not given by you. Yet we bring our gifts like faithful servants and hold them up for your blessing. Thank you for your love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

❖ HYMN

I've Got Peace Like a River

No. 368

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go Ye, Go Ye into the World

No. 2239

PIANO POSTLUDE

Arabesque

Debussy

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