

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Valley Community Presbyterian Church

8060 SW Brentwood, Portland, Oregon 97225

July 4, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

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

PIANO PRELUDE

Ballade in G minor

Brahms

WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

(Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

❖ CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

More Like You

No. 2167

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist, Margaret Johnston

Praise be to God who has freed us from oppression!

Praise be to God who has healed our wounded souls!

Let our hearts rejoice at God's redeeming love.

**Let our voices raise in songs of thanksgiving
for all that God is doing for us.**

Come, let us worship the Lord with our whole hearts!

May our praise and voices resound with joy! AMEN.

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE

More Love to Thee, O Christ

No. 359

CALL TO CONFESSION

We live in God's world, but a world broken by our own doing.

God offers us wholeness, yet we turn away, refusing God's love because it comes through means we dislike.

Let us confess our brokenness and seek to be open to God's wholeness through whatever means it comes.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have sinned against you
and against your whole creation.

**We have not loved you with our whole being;
rather we have loved ourselves at the expense of others.**

We have ignored the cries of the poor.

We have turned away from those in need.

We have shunned those who are different from us.

**We have abused and exploited each other
and the world you have made.**

You have sent prophets to convict us of our sin,
yet we have rejected them.

Forgive us, O God.

**Open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts
to your presence all around us.**

**Transform us in our weakness
to live with the power of the risen Christ,
accepting, loving, and serving all,
and living in harmony with all that you have made. Amen.**

Silence is kept.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In our brokenness God is ever near.

In our time of need, God's love surrounds us.

We must simply be open to receive it.

Sisters and brothers, God knows our brokenness
and God is here to bring healing and wholeness.

Receive the good news of God.

**Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven
and by the Holy Spirit we are nurtured to wholeness.**

❖ 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

ANTHEM

Ride On Jesus, Ride

Hamilton

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 46 and 1 John 4:7-21

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

On Being in Love

Pastor Minshew

OFFERING

Call for the Offering

Organ Offertory

My Heart Abounds with Pleasure in this Fair Summertime

words by Johann, arr. Brahms

❖ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 592

❖ Prayer of Dedication

Receive these gifts, O Lord: our hopes and our fears, our dollars and our dreams, our loves and our lives, and make of them what you will. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May the God of freedom be with you.

And also with you.

Children of God, lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the One who sets us free for lives of service and hope.

God's children: let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

We will sing our songs of freedom to the One who calls us to new life.

Starry nights that stretch across the sky,
waves of every grain shimmering in the sun:...

As we sing of those who have gone before us,
as we remember how they lived as
sisters and brothers as you called them to live,
we proclaim our thanks to you:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

No. 581

The One who could heal our brokenness...

...Our Father...

Receive Elements as Invited

Communion Music

Prayer

❖ **HYMN**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

No. 260

❖ **BENEDICTION**

❖ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save
Verses 1 and 4 only

No. 562

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Stars and Stripes Forever

Sousa/Biggs

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