

*“Look at the birds of the air;
they do not sow or reap or store
away in barns, and yet
G_d feeds them.
Are you not much more*



M A T T H E W 6 : 2 6 , N I V

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

June 14, 2009 at 10:00 AM

❖ *Please stand if you choose*

Bold Text is spoken by everyone

The liturgy today is focused on our Native American brothers and sisters in preparation for our High School Ministry Mission Team's trip to serve and learn alongside the Cheyenne Native American people of southeast Montana starting next weekend. We will be commissioning the Mission Team during this service.

GATHER IN G_D'S NAME

HYMN SING

ACOLYTES

Emilia Smart-Denson and Henry Smart-Denson

WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

INTROIT

I Am His Child

Hogan

Youth Choir – Amy Rheingans, director; Mark Kemball, piano

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lisa Rawlings, Liturgist

We come together today to celebrate the contributions Native People of this land have made to God's Church.

We learn from them that life is a sacred circle, of which there is no beginning and no end.

We are all a part of that circle, ever contributing, ever receiving.

Native Americans teach us that as a part of the circle, we must care for all of God's creation.

We know that God's creation includes all that is a part of this earth: the wingeds, the two-leggeds, plants, water and the sky.

We remember and worship God the Creator throughout our daily lives, even as we look at a tree, the grass, or the sky.

For Genesis reminds us that God looked at everything and was very pleased.

We join in this day acknowledging the gifts that Native Americans offer to all of us, remembering that worship encompasses all of life. We embrace and celebrate the sacred circle of life.

❖ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *You Are Mine* No. 2218

❖ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God, Great Spirit, when we walk the path of beauty with sincerity, honesty, courage and truthfulness, we are like the upright basket which can hold the fruits of harvest. We can receive and share the blessings abundantly. But when we have strayed from the beauty path and are not trustworthy, honest, or reliable, we are like the basket turned over... we are empty and useless. Help us to always be upright, to receive and share the blessings of life. Amen.

❖ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

❖ **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

COMMISSIONING OF THE YOUTH MISSION TEAM

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

PROCLAIM G_D'S WORD

ANTHEM

City Called Heaven
Raoul Bellis-Squires, solo

Poelinitz

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God!

Psalm 8:1-9 and Matthew 6:25-34

SERMON

The Day Faith Dies

Pastor Minshew

RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING (Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Jesus, Lead Thou On

Blackburn

❖ Doxology

❖ Prayer of Dedication

Creator of Every Good Gift, bless these offerings. Help us know that while we can never pay you back, we can give enough to experience joy. Amen.

GO IN G_D'S NAME

❖ HYMN

Lift High the Cross

No. 371

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

At the Font We Start Our Journey (verses 1 and 4 only)

No. 2114

Please be seated for a short **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** which directly follows this service.

** From René: I learned from my Rabbi friends that the name of G_d is so holy that it is not to be written, only pointed to. I have adopted that tradition in my own writing.*