



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

June 21, 2009 at 10:00 AM

❖ *Please stand if you choose*  
**Bold Text is spoken by everyone**

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Voluntary*

Stanley

ACOLYTES

Eric Hurd and Bennett Long

WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

*As the Deer*

No. 2025

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist, David Marquis

One: In days past, we have lived in isolation.

**Many: Today we come to worship the God  
who calls us to a global faith.**

One: In days past, God led our ancestors in faith  
to the promised land.

**Many: Today we come with faith that God  
will walk with us on the path of peace.**

One: In days past, our brothers and sisters in faith  
chose fear and exclusion.

**Many: Today we come in faith into this place of worship  
to affirm love and *inclusion*.**

One: In days past, our ancestors were led astray by false gods.

**Many: Today we are witnesses together,  
that we are called to serve the God of truth and justice.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

❖ **HYMN**

*How Great Thou Art*

No. 467

❖ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Gentle God, we bring before you our sinful selves  
and our need for reconciliation with others.

**Many: We have done deeds we deeply regret.**

One: We have spoken words that have hurt others.  
**Many: We have trapped ourselves in false expectations,  
and we have accepted empty promises  
to satisfy our deepest longings.**

One: We have failed to reach out hand and heart to others in need.  
**Many: We have been silent  
when our words could have made a difference.**

One: We have not believed in our power to change the world.  
**All: Transform us, God,  
and help us work for peace with all your children. Amen.**

❖ **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

One: When we cross over the bridge of grace,  
we discover that we are at home with God.  
To dwell there quietly is to know forgiveness.  
**Many: We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

❖ **RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

*Gloria Patri*

No. 579

❖ **THE PEACE**

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

**CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING**

**A TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH**

Chuck Falconer

**PROCLAIMING**

**ANTHEM**

*The Lamb*

Blickhan

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

*1 Samuel: 3:1-18, Psalm 65:5-13, Matthew 5:1-10*

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*Transformative Mission: How I Found My Call in Bolivia*

Donna Russell

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Joyce Spencer, Deacon

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.16)**

## RESPONDING

**OFFERING** (Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

Call for the Offering

Piano Offertory

*Romance in F#*

Schumann

❖ Doxology

❖ 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 church wide, these offerings can become a potent force in the world. Bless the gifts and the givers, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## SENDING

❖ **HYMN**

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

No. 377

❖ **BENEDICTION**

❖ **CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

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

No. 2114