



**Elijah Ascends to Heaven**

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

June 27, 2010 at 10:00 AM

❖ *Please stand as you are able*

**Bold Text is spoken by everyone**

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PIANO PRELUDE

*Sonata in B♭: Allegro*

Mozart

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

❖ CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

*More Like You*

No. 2167

(Please repeat)

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist, Linda Sanderman

Jesus reminds us that it is important that we live in the present, rather than being caught in the past.

**Jesus calls us forward. Rather than focusing on what failures may have been done in the past, God's mission is calling us to a vision that builds on the past, but calls us into a new and creative future.**

Therefore, we are here today, knowing that our faith, our personal commitments, and our experience of God must be nurtured with the same care that we use in other aspects of our life.

**Let us worship the God who reminds us to live intentionally and flexibly as we follow Christ.**

❖ HYMN

*Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds*

No. 412

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Redeeming God, how easily we say we would follow you, but how often we live as if we don't have a clue as to what that means.

**We choose to gossip about our friends, rather than surrounding them with love.**

Our competitive nature wills us to win at all costs, when we could be engaged in meaningful service.

**We expect others to do for us and rarely ask what we might do for them.**

**Forgive us, O God. Set us free to serve in love and compassion; help us to feast on the fruit the Spirit offers to us; put us on the path of faithful discipleship, as we walk with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

*... Silence is kept ...*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, call to mind what God has done for you; think about how God's love comes in fresh and surprising ways; reflect on the fruit of the Spirit poured out upon you.

**We will remember all the wonder, all the joy, all the mercy which is ours. From the rich abundance of the Spirit's fruit, we will serve others. 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

Kay Hope Gold

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### ANTHEM

*Thy Perfect Love*

Rutter

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

*2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 and Luke 9:51-62*

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

**Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

Pastor Beverly Crow

### PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.16)

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

### OFFERING

Call for the Offering

Organ Offertory

*O God, Thou Faithful God*

Karg-Elert

*(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

**No gift is really a gift, O God, until the heart says it is a gift. Help each one of us to lift up our hearts now and bless your name for all you have done for us individually and as a community. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

### ❖ HYMN

*God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

No. 285

❖ **BENEDICTION**

❖ **CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

(please see insert)

**PIANO POSTLUDE**

*Fantasia-Impromptu*

Chopin

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