

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Valley Community  
Presbyterian Church

8060 SW Brentwood  
Portland, Oregon 97225

March 1, 2009 at 10:00 AM  
First Sunday in Lent

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

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *What Wondrous Love is This* Martin

ACOLYTES Sarah Blair and Eric Blair

### WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

(Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

❖ CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT *Kyrie* No. 2275

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgists, Elaine Rea and Hayley Rea

One: Welcome, travelers, to the journey of faith.

**All: The faith journey is the best route through the land called life.**

One: Then come and continue the quest, acting out your faith by living life to the fullest.

**All: We will let our spirits soar like eagles;**

One: taking a deep breath we will stretch ourselves to the limit like fully inflated balloons, colorful, hopeful, ready to sail and to soar,

**All: and to drink in the world's color, absorbing its light and texture, inhaling its fragrance, dancing to its music.**

One: This is the way we worship God.

❖ PRAYER OF INVOCATION

❖ HYMN *Womb of Life* No. 2046

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, what a gentle and healing balm it is to come to you with our secret thoughts, our sad discouragements, and our noblest dreams, and find you here to listen, to forgive, and to renew us! We confess our reluctance to understand your will and our hesitancy to act upon it. We are quick to blame others and slow to accept responsibility for ourselves. We wish for signs of your power even while we take for granted the beauty and love with which you have surrounded us. We desire some guarantee of your favor and, at the same time, shudder to think about the suffering of the cross and what it portends for us and for our world. Submerge us in your Spirit and grant us faith to perceive good arising from evil and to sense your immediate presence within the solitude of endless space. Amen.

## SILENT, PERSONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### ❖ 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

### HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Psalm 25*

Cantor: Adam Steele

#### REFRAIN

*J. = 66* Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.



# PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

## ANTHEM

*Wie lieblich deine Wohnungen*, from *Ein deutsches Requiem*, op. 45      Brahms

Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen, Herr Zebaoth!

Meine Seele verlangt und sehnet sich nach den Vorhöfen des Herrn; mein Leib und Seele freuen sich in dem lebendigen Gott.

Wohl denen, die in deinem Hause wohnen, die loben dich immerdar. (Ps. 84, 2.3.5.)

How lovely are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, yea, even faints for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh cries out for the living God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will always be praising thee.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

*Deuteronomy 26:1-11 and Luke 4:1-13*

Lector: Words of Wisdom. Words of Truth.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

*Eucharist and Anamnesis go together; the beginning of Lent*

Pastor René Minshe

# RESPOND TO THE WORD

## OFFERING

Call for the Offering

Offertory

*Savior, Thy Dying Love*

Martin

❖ Doxology for Lent (*sung to the tune "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*)

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine  
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

❖ Prayer of Dedication

**Loving God, our hunger is never better satisfied than at your table.  
Our gifts can have no higher value than when they are offered to you.  
Because you fill our spirits, we hunger to serve. And we pray that these  
gifts may be as food to nourish the living body of Christ. Amen.**

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Distribution of the Elements

*(Eat the bread as you are served.  
Hold the cup. We will commune together.)*

Prayer

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

❖ HYMN

*Forty Days and Forty Nights*

No. 77

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*The Glory of These Forty Days* (please join in singing with the choir)

No. 87

— CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOLLOWS WORSHIP SERVICE —



*First*  
SUNDAY  
IN  
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