



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 14, 2010 at 10:00 AM

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

### ORGAN PRELUDE

*Be Thou My Vision*

Manz

### ACOLYTES

Ariel Derting and Elizabeth Boyle

### WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

(Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

### OUR PURPOSE IN ACTION

One Great Hour of Sharing,  
Chuck Falconer

### INTROIT

*Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?*  
New Spirit Ringers

### ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Led by the Holy Spirit, we come to this place.

**God has given us this haven where we may bring our hopes, our fears, our doubts, our wonder.**

Led by the Holy Spirit, we will gather in the presence of God.

**Jesus has come to be with us in our lives, to support us with love, grace and joy.**

Led by the Holy Spirit, we gather to sing praises to God.

### ❖ HYMN OF PRAISE

*Ashes (please see last page)*

Conry

### ❖ CALL TO CONFESSION

### ❖ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of our lives, we confess that we can become so obsessed with all that is familiar, we ignore the joy of new life. We prefer to wander in places we know so well, yet are reluctant to be led by your Spirit into unfamiliar neighborhoods. Sometimes we are so wrapped up in our own desires, we stumble past the grace you are longing to give us. Forgive us for our self-**

centeredness and grant us your forgiveness.

..... Silence is kept .....

❖ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God is faithful. God's love is an eternal bargain that will not be broken,  
God's grace is the gift that will not be taken back.

**Such abundant mercy! Such extravagant grace!**

**Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. 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

**ANTHEM**

*Let There Be Peace On Earth*  
Youth Choir; Mark Kemball, piano

arr. Ades

**UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

God of covenants, we often stumble through our deserts and wildernesses unchanged. Today let us hear your words in Scripture and song so that they move us and change us. May we come from our time of worship with the same fire and passion that burned in the life of Jesus as he came out of his wilderness. Amen.

**FROM THE PROPHET**

*Joshua 5:9-12*

**FROM THE PSALMIST** (Cantored)

*Psalm 32*

Refrain Hal H. Hopson



O Lord, my de-light, my de-light is in your law.

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**FROM THE GOSPEL**

*Luke 15:1-32*

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

**SERMON**

*Parties of Biblical Proportions!*

Ben Paroulek

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## OFFERING

Offertory *Pie Jesu from Requiem* Lloyd-Webber

Adam Steele, baritone; Wendy Steele, soprano; Darlene Cusick, piano

(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

**We worship you, O God, through these gifts and our lives.**

**May they be used to nourish lives with grace and mercy.**

**May the fruit of your Spirit be evident in all we do and say**

**as followers of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

❖ HYMN *Sing Praise God, Who Reigns Above* No. 483

❖ BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*The Lord Bless and Keep You*

No. 2280

PIANO POSTLUDE


*Waltz in D<sup>b</sup>*

Chopin

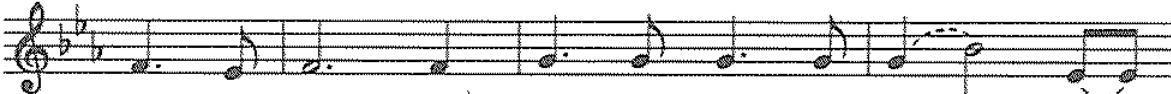
*You are invited to remain seated and conclude worship with the postlude.*

# ASHES


Tom Conry



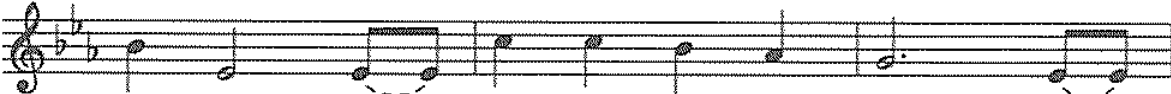
1. We rise a - gain from ash - es, from the good we've  
2. We of - fer you our fail - ures, we \_\_\_ of - fer  
3. Then rise a - gain from ash - es, let \_\_\_ heal - ing



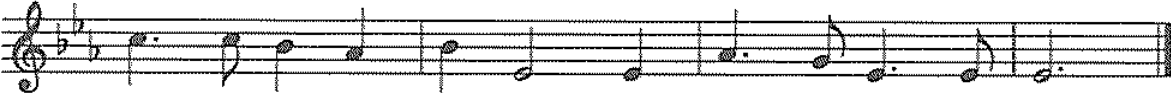
1. failed to do. We rise a - gain from ash - es, to cre -  
2. you at - tempts, the gifts not ful - ly giv - en, the \_\_\_  
3. come to pain, though spring has turned to win - ter, and \_\_\_



1. ate our - selves a - new. If \_\_\_ all our world is  
2. dreams not ful - ly dreamt. Give our stum - bl - ings di -  
3. sun - shine turned to rain. The \_\_\_ rain we'll use for



1. ash - es, then \_\_\_ must our lives be true, an \_\_\_  
2. rec - tion, give our vi - sions wid - er view, an \_\_\_  
3. grow - ing, and cre - ate the world a - new from an



1. of - fer - ing of ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.  
2. of - fer - ing of ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.  
3. of - fer - ing of ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.