



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 21, 2010 at 10:00 AM

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed

H.H. Parry

ACOLYTES

Daniel Simenson and Jason Simenson

WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

(Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

OUR PURPOSE IN ACTION

One Great Hour of Sharing

INTROIT

Lamb of God

No. 2113

Sing verses 1 and 2, refrain, verse 3 refrain.

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Rueff, Liturgist

Break open our hearts this morning to hear your word, O God.

Let our fears be vanquished, our spirits restored!

Come and let us worship with great joy!

Let us drop the things of the past which weighed us down!

God is about to do something new in our lives!

Let God's will become strong in our lives. AMEN.

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE

Ashes (please see below)

Conry

❖ CALL TO CONFESSION

❖ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient Lord, we find it easy to blame others and other circumstances for the things that happen in our lives. We hear the words "if only" and wonder why things didn't happen differently for us. Too often we want you to be a "magic" presence that will, with the wave of a wand, cure our ills, give us success and happiness; but we don't necessarily want to take responsibility for our attitudes and actions. Life is. Things happen that we didn't plan for and events swirl around us over which we have no control. But to place blame and not to find ways in which we can work through the situations is detrimental to everyone, especially ourselves. Forgive us when we are so busy placing blame that we don't recognize your presence and love for us. Free us from placing our own

desires first and foremost. Help us to look at the many ways in which you are working in the world for peace and justice, and enable us to be part of that ministry. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

.....Silence is kept

❖ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Let go of your fears. God has forgiven you and offered to you God's healing love. Accept this free gift, for it is given for you through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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
CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

Kay Hope Gold

ANTHEM

Ave Verum

Mozart

*Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine,
cujus latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum*

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
whose pierced side flowed with water and blood:
May it be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly
banquet]
in the trial of death.

in mortis examine.

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

Isaiah 43:16-21

FROM THE PSALMIST (Cantored)

Psalm 126

8 *Refrain* Hal H. Hopson

Lord, you are my strength, has - ten to help me.

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FROM THE EPISTLE

Philippians 3:4b-14

FROM THE GOSPEL

John 12:1-8

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Broken Lives, New Beginnings

Brett Webb-Mitchell

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Janice Viestenz, Deacon

THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.16)

OFFERING

Piano Offertory

Romance in F#

Schumann

(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

Be Thou My Vision

No. 339

❖ BENEDICTION

Brett Webb-Mitchell

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The Lord Bless and Keep You

No. 2280

PIANO POSTLUDE

Etude in G^b

Chopin

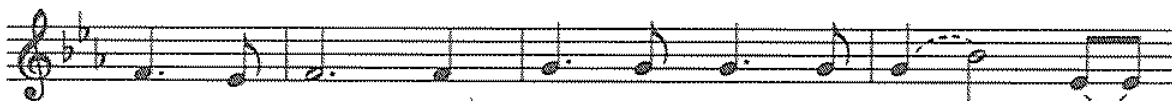
You are invited to remain seated and conclude worship with the postlude.

ASHES

Tom Conry



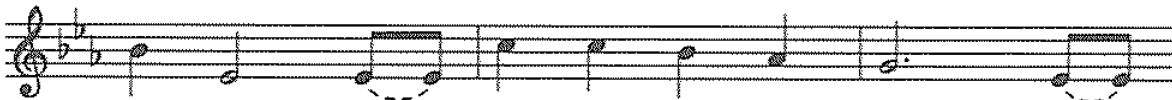
1. We rise a - gain from ash - es, from the good we've
2. We of - fer you our fail - ures, we ___ of - fer
3. Then rise a - gain from ash - es, let ___ heal - ing



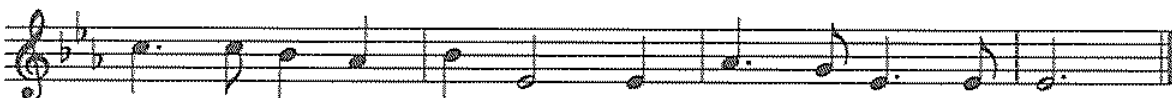
1. failed to do. We rise a - gain from ash - es, to cre -
2. you at - tempts, the gifts not ful - ly giv - en, the ___
3. come to pain, though spring has turned to win - ter, and ___



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.

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