



JESUS FEEDS



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

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

ORGAN PRELUDE *Jesus Loves Me* Lovelace

ACOLYTES David Caputo and Eric Blair

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

INTROIT *You and I* Sleeth
Cherub Choir; Greg Russell, piano

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in worship mindful of the need of the world.

We remember the hungry, the friendless, the homeless, the hopeless.

But we are only a few loaves and fishes. Are we enough?

We look out to the crowd ready, waiting, needing nurture, praying that someone might show them the good news of God's love.

But we are only a few loaves and fishes. Are we enough?

We hear the voice of Jesus instructing us to break ourselves open, to become vulnerable, available to the world around us, to trust in God's promise of abundance.

But we are only a few loaves and fishes. Are we enough?

As we break ourselves open we discover the fount of living water springing up within us, the bread of healing and peace kneaded in our own hearts:

There is enough, enough for us and all the world.

Not only enough—more than enough.

With baskets of leftovers spilling onto the ground!

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE *Canticle of the Sun* (please see insert)

❖ CALL TO CONFESSION

❖ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we acknowledge that we have been feeding on a steady diet of quick fixes instead of dining on the spiritual fruits you offer us. We find it easier to nurture grapevines of gossip than to till the fields where you send us.

We find it easier to promise than to produce. we realize that our steady diets of doing what is easiest has left our spirits malnourished. We feel empty and hollow deep inside. Forgive us our foolish ways. Amen.

Silence is kept.

❖ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Know that God's grace as evidenced in the life of Christ Jesus is sufficient for us. Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness shall be fed.
Thanks be to God.

❖ **RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show
(verse 1 only)

No. 481

❖ **THE PEACE**

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

OFFERING

(Note: After the offertory, please rise as the ushers pass your pew to present the offering for dedication.)

Offertory

Morning Has Broken

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❖ **Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 592

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Supper
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer
Breaking of the Bread
Communion of the People
Prayer

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 14:13-21

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God!

THE KING'S KIDS PRESENT

TABLE FOR FIVE...THOUSAND!

❖ **BENEDICTION**

❖ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Grace Alone

No. 2162

ORGAN POSTLUDE

In Classic Style

Young

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