

Pentecost  Sunday

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2010 at 10:00 AM

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

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

ORGAN PRELUDE *Prelude and Fugue in C* J.S. Bach

ACOLYTE Jason Simenson

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

INTROIT *A Medley of Faith* arr. Rogers
English Handbell Choir

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist, Warren Freeborg
Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!
For God has done wondrous things for us.

Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!

Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.

Help us to boldly proclaim Christ Risen. AMEN!

❖ **HYMN** *Come, O Spirit* No. 127

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, you know us too well. You know that we would be like the disciples following the crucifixion and even the resurrection. We would rather hide and mutter and weep, than proclaim the power of your love.

The world is a difficult place. We fear so much. We want people to like us, and so we hold back on our proclamation of our faith. We don't want to offend anyone.

But your love and presence are not offensive. They are empowering and healing. Bring your holy fire upon us this day to ignite a spark of joy in our

hearts and our voices. Bring the power of your rushing wind through our spirits that we may be turned in new directions for service and witness. We pray this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

... *Silence is kept* ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's Spirit prays with us and for us; God's hope strengthens us in times of weakness; God's grace heals our brokenness.

God's forgiveness restores us to new life and new service. Thanks be to God, to whom we sing our praises for ever and ever. 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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me

Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Acts 2:1-21 and Revelation 3:1-6

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Why Church?

Pastor René Minshew

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

RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Let There Be Peace on Earth
English Handbell Choir

arr. Sherman

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

❖ Doxology

❖ 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

Spirit of God

No. 2117

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Without Seeing You
(verses 1 and 3 only)

No. 2206

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in B \flat

J.S. Bach

Please be seated for a short **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** which directly follows this service.