



Now God is not
God of the dead,
but of the living;
for to God
all of them are alive.

~ Luke 20:38

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Valley Community Presbyterian Church

8060 SW Brentwood, Portland, Oregon 97225

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2010 at 10:00 AM

❖ *Please stand as you are able*

Bold Text is spoken by everyone

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN SING

ACOLYTES

Rachel Pippenger and Julia Pippenger

WELCOME & COMMON CONCERNS

(Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

OUR PURPOSE IN ACTION

Bread for the World, Connie Brenner

❖ CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Seek Ye First

No. 333

❖ LITANY FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Liturgist, Raoul Bellis-Squires

You reach out to us, O seeking God.

With a mother's love; a father's patience.

You touch our lives with your healing love.

With a mother's tender care; a father's wisdom.

You stand us on our feet and prepare us for service to the world

With a mother's wise words; a father's compassion.

You open our hearts to your love.

With the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ our Risen Lord.

We are made whole.

We are made ready for service to you, O Lord.

❖ HYMN

Spirit of God, Descent Upon My Heart

No. 326

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of love and hope, we come to you this day with so many things in our hearts. For some today is a day of celebration of motherhood; for others the focus is on the family; but for some family brings back painful memories of hurt, alienation, abandonment. Forgive us when we think that our celebration and our joy should be everyone's joy and celebration. Help us to be aware of

the needs of others for whom this is not a happy time. Let us look for ways of providing ministries of healing love and nurturing hope; for we ask this in Christ's Name. AMEN.

... Silence is kept ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Let the light of God's eternal love flood into your hearts this day.

Let us feel the healing presence of God in our lives.

Accept God's love and hope for you. This is the gift freely given for you by Jesus Christ, God's risen Son 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

Kay Hope Gold

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Hawryluk

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 20:27-38

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

What is Heaven Like?

Pastor René Minshew

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

RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING

Call for the Offering

Organ Offertory *Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness*

Brahms

(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

O Lord, as we present these offerings we are taking seriously the commission to make disciples of all nations. May these gifts travel where our feet cannot go, and may they reach out where our hands cannot extend. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

❖ HYMN

How Great Thou Art

No. 467

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

He Has Made Me Glad

No. 2270

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Toccata

Widor

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