



**THE
GREATEST
COMMANDMENT!**

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Valley Community Presbyterian Church
8060 SW Brentwood, Portland, Oregon 97225
November 8, 2009 at 10:00 AM

❖ *Please stand if you choose*
Bold Text is spoken by everyone

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN SING

ACOLYTES

Ariel Derting and Elizabeth Boyle

WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

(Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

OUR PURPOSE IN ACTION

Mission Market, Michelle Blair

❖ CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Gather Us In
(verses 1 and 4 only)

No. 2236

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Daniel Bunten, Liturgist

God's Word called into being the pumpkins, the geese who fly south, the leaves which litter our lawns.

In awe, we come into the presence of the God of vivid imagination.

God's arms reach down and gather up children, lovingly placing us in grace's lap.

In joy, we reach up to the God who loves us completely.

God's Spirit fills our lungs, so we can cry out for justice for the broken, the young, the old, the abandoned of our time.

In service, we join with our God to build hope in our world.

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE

When We Are Living

No. 400

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bountiful God of Love: our self-focus causes us to imagine how poor we are. We are convinced we don't have enough:

**enough honor,
enough respect,
enough recognition,
enough to live on.**

And so, in our poverty, we cannot trust you, we cannot see the emptiness of others, we cannot help but cling to more than we need. Forgive us, Bestower of Blessings. Tell us how we can be more loving; whisper to us of how we can be more compassionate; sing to us of how we can serve others - all in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The good news is that we are made whole; not by our efforts, not by any work we have done, not by any word of ours.

Out of the riches of grace, God pours forgiveness into our lives, giving us all we need in Jesus Christ, so we might live in hope and joy. Thanks be to God. 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

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Ubi caritas

Durufié

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Where there is charity and love, God is there.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

Love brings us together in one Christ.

Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.

We therefore rejoice in it.

Timeamus et ameamus Deum vivum.

Let us fear and love the living God.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

And from the heart let us devote ourselves with sincerity.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Amen.

Where there is charity and love, God is there. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Deuteronomy 6:1-6, Mark 12:28-34

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Getting to the Heart of the Matter

Ben Paroulek

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.16)

RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING

Call for the Offering

Organ Offertory

Jesus, Gentlest Savior

Pew

❖ Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 592

❖ Prayer of Dedication

Every week we do this, O God, and it is so easy to look upon it as a meaningless ritual. Yet it is the time when we respond to your measureless love and generosity to us by bringing our offerings to you, and it should fill us with great joy and excitement, for we owe everything to you: our heart, our soul, and our mind. Make us sensitive and wise to the most important things in life, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

❖ HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

No. 2241

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Guide My Feet (verses 1 and 3 only)

No. 354

PIANO POSTLUDE

Waltz in G^b

Chopin

If you choose, you are invited to exit with the choir following the benediction, or remain seated and conclude worship with the postlude.