



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Valley Community Presbyterian Church
8060 SW Brentwood
Portland, Oregon 97225

October 18, 2009 at 10:00 AM

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

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PIANO PRELUDE

Berceuse

Chopin

ACOLYTES

Megan Bootsma and Madeleine Smith

WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

PURPOSE IN ACTION

Luke Dorf, Valerie Burton

❖ CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

I Will Call upon the Lord

No. 2002

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Reader 1: God is great, and greatly to be praised!

All: We thank you, God, for families and friends. We thank you for the warmth of kitchens, quilts, and good neighbors.

Reader 2: God, how great is your name throughout the earth!

All: We thank you, God, for newborn kittens and faithful dogs, for pine trees and sunlight and crisp, clear air.

Reader 3: Blessed be God, the rock of our salvation!

All: We thank you, God, for the sound of laughter and the touch of love, for brand new mornings and for dreams held close.

Reader 4: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise. Come! Let us worship God.

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE

Blessed to Be a Blessing

(see insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- Reader 1 We admit to you, God, that we were not thinking of you. We saw a homeless person, and we laughed.
We applauded when a prison door was locked.
- Reader 2 We heard of people dying of thirst, and we changed the channel.
We did not protest when the poor were killed in our name.
- Reader 3 We bought good clothes, filled our refrigerators, but we forgot about you.
We enjoyed our friends and ignored a newcomer.
- Reader 4 Then we came to church and said we love you best of all.
- All: Forgive us, God and stay near us always, that we may never forget you when people are hungry or homeless or sick or afraid. May we never again separate our love for you from our love for the world and its people. We live in hope that you will free us from our fears, that we may live in Christ in the freedom of your Spirit. Through Jesus, our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- One: There is no greater joy in the heart of God than the moment when a person opens to the gift of forgiveness. God's Spirit reaches out to assure us of welcome in Christ.
- All: In the name of Jesus Christ we are God's by grace. With great joy we are made alive. 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

Children's Pledges and Cents-Ability Offering

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

God Be In My Head

Pasquet

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 23

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

No. 171

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Joy of Giving

Ben Paroulek

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Frank Powers, Deacon

THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.16)

RESPOND TO THE WORD

RECOMMITMENT TO STEWARDSHIP

Blessed are those who are...emptied of all that doesn't matter,
those for whom the riches of this world just aren't that important.

The reign of heaven is theirs.

Blessed are those who wear compassion like a garment...

For they too shall receive comfort.

Blessed are the creators of peace, those who build roads that unite rather than
walls that divide, those who bless the world with the healing power of their
presence.

For they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those whose love has been tried, like gold, in the furnace and found to
be precious, genuine, and lasting, those who have lived their belief out loud, no
matter what the cost or pain.

RECEIPT OF PLEDGES

OFFERING (Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

Call for the Offering

Organ Offertory

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Milford

❖ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 592

❖ Prayer of Dedication

**God, grant me the awareness of all I have been given – the courage to
give back in full measure – and the wisdom to see both of these as
blessings.**

**God, grant me the awareness of all I have been given – the courage to
give back in full measure – and the wisdom to be grateful of these
blessings.**

**God, grant me the awareness of all I have been given – the courage to
give back in full measure – and the wisdom to gratefully acknowledge
gifts given and received as blessings. Amen.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

❖ **HYMN** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* No. 464

❖ **BENEDICTION**

❖ **CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Go with Us, Lord

(sing two times, the choir will sing it as a round the second time)

No. 535

PIANO POSTLUDE

Waltz in C# minor

Chopin

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