



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Valley Community Presbyterian Church
8060 SW Brentwood
Portland, Oregon 97225

October 25, 2009 at 10:00 AM

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

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PIANO PRELUDE

Menuetto

Beethoven

ACOLYTES

David Caputo and Eric Blair

WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

(Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

❖ CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Open Our Eyes

No. 2086

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and hear what God has done—

God has listened to all our prayer.

When we pass through the torrent of deep troubles,

God turns the sea to dry land.

When we are tangled in the web-nets of life.

God does not let our feet slip.

When we are tested as silver is tried,

God keeps us in the land of the living.

When we go through fire and water,

God brings us to a spacious place.

Come and hear what God has done—

God surrounds us with steadfast love.

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE

Blessed to Be a Blessing

(see insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess that sometimes we are not grateful—
to people who have cared for us, loved us, and helped us,
to those who have gone before to give us faith and future,
to our own bodies for their resilient and patient support.
We confess that sometimes we are thankful in our hearts**

but too negligent or hesitant to express our thanks aloud.
We confess that sometimes we lavish appreciation on others
from a feeling of personal unworthiness and doubt of our
own wholeness.

Heart-healer, Conscience-troubler God, accept our repentance
and plant in us a deep root of gratitude. Amen.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖ 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 Bible Presentation to Third Graders

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Monateng kapele

arr. Steele

*Monateng kapele
Re se re tla kopana bohle.
Motse ure o hlolohetsoeng
Re se re o bona pejana;
Leha maranyan'a se le teng,
O se o hlahile oa khanya.*

(Translated from Sesotho)
In joy, wherever we are,
We will always be together.
The kingdom we long for
We see already in our minds.
Even if there may be some doubt
It has already appeared and is shining.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 55:1-3, 6 and II Corinthians 8:1-15

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

An Honored Network of Obligation

René Minsheu

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

OFFERING

Call for the Offering

Organ Offertory *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now* Walther

❖ 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 *Be Thou My Vision* No. 339

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go with Us, Lord No. 535
(sing two times, the choir will sing it as a round the second time)

PIANO POSTLUDE *Scherzo* Beethoven

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