

*“Behold,*

*I will create new heavens  
and a new earth.*

*The former things  
will not be remembered,  
nor will they  
come to mind.”*

A small, realistic globe of the Earth is positioned in the lower center of the image, resting on a large, vibrant green leaf. The leaf's veins are clearly visible, and the background is a soft-focus green, suggesting a natural, outdoor setting. The globe shows the Americas and parts of Europe and Africa.

**Isaiah 65:17, NIV**

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Valley Community Presbyterian Church  
8060 SW Brentwood, Portland, Oregon 97225  
September 13, 2009 at 10:00 AM

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

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PIANO PRELUDE *Allegro from Sonata, K.283* Mozart

### WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

❖ CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT *Open Our Eyes* No. 2086

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist, Linda Sanderman

We are a people of the water!

**We worship a God whose love flows through water.**

Love, like a rain shower, awakens the sleeping seed  
within the soul and lures it to blossom.

**We worship a God whose love flows through water.**

Love, like a wading pool, inspires the delight of children, jumping,  
splashing, spraying each other, shivering with wet joy.

**We worship a God whose love flows through water.**

Love, like a hot shower after a long day's work, cleanses us, reawakens us.

**We worship a God whose love flows through water.**

Love, like little drops, drops from fingertips to forehead.

Through baptism, the family of faith makes room for one more.

**In worship, we who are called "Christian" gather to express our unity with God and with each other. We are a community which spans the centuries, bound together by a covenant whose signature is baptism. We have inherited this covenant of baptism from those in ages past who bequeathed to us their faith and their faithfulness. In our worship today we renew our commitment to live in this covenant and we draw together a wider community of believers, including those who bore witness at our baptism. As faithful women and men have done for years, let us worship God!**

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* No. 434

❖ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ Jesus, our teacher and our friend, we have not listened for your word amid the clamor of words all around us. We are more pleased to repeat familiar tunes than to listen for new melodies and strange harmonies. We try harder to defend what we think we know, than to reach for that which is beyond our grasp. Slow to trust, afraid of the unknown, we are cautious to hear and do your will. We pray for ears to hear the cries of our neighbors and for hearts which resonate with your Spirit. Silence us and instruct us until we learn afresh to sing the songs of faith, hope, and love. Amen.

Silence is kept

❖ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the Gospel of Christ!

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

**Amazing grace – how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found –  
was blind, but now I see.**

❖ **RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

*Gloria Patri*

No. 579

❖ **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you!**

## **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**ANTHEM**

*The Apple Tree*

arr. Scott

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

*Isaiah 43:18-21 and Luke 5:36-39*

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*Starting Over*

Ben Paroulek

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

## **RESPOND TO THE WORD**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** (Please see insert)

**BAPTISMAL HYMN**

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

No. 498

**OFFERING** (Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

Call for the Offering

Offertory

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Manz

❖ Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 592

❖ Prayer of Dedication

**If we have thankful spirits, O Lord, we can spend our entire day in praise and thanksgiving for all the gifts with which you have surrounded us: the world of nature, the joy of family and friends, the warmth of fellowship, the beauty of art, the taste of food, the merriment of the heart. Our gifts in this offering are but small tokens of our gratitude for everything you are and do for us, and we bring them now with the prayer that they may be used for the celebration of your kingdom as it breaks in upon our lives, and indeed upon all the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

❖ **HYMN**

*Sing a New Song to the Lord*

No. 2045

❖ **BENEDICTION**

❖ **CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* (verses 1 and 4 only)

No. 372

**POSTLUDE**

*Toccata*

Widor

*Members of the congregation are invited to exit with the choir following the benediction, or remain seated and conclude worship with the postlude.*