

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Valley Community Presbyterian Church  
8060 SW Brentwood, Portland, Oregon 97225

September 27, 2009 at 10:00 AM

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

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

ORGAN PRELUDE

*Joyful, Joyful*

Manz

ACOLYTES

Lauren Schinkelwitz and Rory Schinkelwitz

WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

OUR PURPOSE IN ACTION

Peacemaking Offering,  
Chuck Falconer

❖ CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

*Kyrie*

No. 2275

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgists, Lisa Rawlings, Taylor Rawlings

One: We are here not because we have found God, but because God  
our Creator has called us here,

All: **Challenging us to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, and  
to be servants in the service of the whole human family.**

One: But the call is also God's promise:

All: **A promise of forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,  
courage in the struggle for justice and peace, and eternal life  
in that realm which has no end.**

All: **Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto God!**

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

No. 172

❖ CALL TO CONFESSION

❖ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You long to fill us with your comfort and peace, **Still Waters of Grace**, but  
we continue to take on more anxiety, more worry, more fear. You would  
comfort us in the gentleness of your hope, but we welcome the embrace of  
a world spinning more and more out of control. You would feed us with

more than we need, but we continue to hunger for the sweet sensations offered to us by temptation.

You keep your promises and offer us forgiveness and mercy all the days of our life. May we keep our eyes focused on the path you have shaped for us; may we listen to the call of the Good Shepherd who leads us into your joy, that kingdom prepared for us by Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Silence is kept

❖ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

This is the good news: wherever we are, God is with us; whoever we are, God forgives us, and offers us new life.

**Surely goodness and mercy are the companions we have been longing for, faithful friends as we continue our journey as God's people. Amen.**

❖ **RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

*Gloria Patri*

No. 579

❖ **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

## **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

### **A TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH**

### **ANTHEM**

*Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace*

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### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

*Psalm 23 and Colossians 1:24-29*

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **SERMON**

*Mystery and Glory*

René Minshew

### **APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand**

of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

# RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING (Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

Call for the Offering

Offertory *O Lord Most Holy* Franck, arr. Gumma  
Bell duet: Janice Beach, Sue Derting – handbells; Bev Hubbard - piano

❖ Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 592

❖ Prayer of Dedication

**Lord, we give, not to merit your blessing, but because we have already been blessed. We give, not to gain favor, but because we have already been favored. We give, not to earn our salvation, but because we have already received eternal life. Amen.**

# GO IN GOD'S NAME

❖ HYMN *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* No. 457

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* (verses 1 and 4) 2241

ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Fugue in G*

J.S. Bach

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