



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

Earth Sunday
April 18, 2010 at 10:00 AM

❖ *Please stand as you are able*
Bold Text is spoken by everyone

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

ORGAN PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Manz

ACOLYTES Brantley Schinkelwitz and Alex Blair

WELCOME & COMMON CONCERNS *(Please sign and pass the friendship folder)*

❖ INTROIT *Canticle of the Sun*
King's Kids; Greg Russell, piano

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist, Kristina Kurtz, Allison Kurtz
Hear the proclamation of faith: Christ is risen from the dead! The Spirit is poured out. Lives are transformed.

God is active in our world. God brings hope and healing.

Hear the call of God: The Spirit of God invites us into community. We are called to see beyond ourselves, and to join in loving care for all those around us.

We accept God's call, and we rejoice in the gift of community.

Hear a challenge for today: The Earth is stressed by the heavy impact of human use. The whole of God's creation is groaning, crying out in pain.

We name the Earth as part of our community. We extend our love to all of God's creation.

People of faith, gather now to worship God the creator and redeemer of the world. Gather now to be transformed by God's compassionate love.

We praise with joy the world's creator, God of justice, love and peace!

❖ HYMN *All Things Bright and Beautiful* No. 267

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We offer you our thanks, Creator God, for this wondrous planet that is our home. We are moved to awe when we are touched by the beauty, complexity, diversity, abundance and enormous scale of this world -- this one small corner of your creation.

On this Earth Day weekend, we join with people from all around the world. As part of a global community, we lift up our heartfelt hopes for the health and sustainability for your Earth, and for all that dwells within it. We have seen the evidence of environmental problems ranging from local to global. We are deeply concerned, and we do want to find paths to healing.

We lift up, too, our grief and our confusion in the face of these difficult problems. We feel pain and loss at the extinction of species. We feel anguish at spreading health problems that spring from environmental causes. We are anxious about diminished resources and demolished habitats. We hear mixed messages, and feel divided loyalties. We want to do the right thing, but it can be hard to find truth, and hard to know what to do.

We name and confess our personal involvement in the Earth's distress. Knowingly and consciously, we each engage in actions and behaviors that take a toll on our planet, and that degrade our community.

We also name and confess our lack of engagement, our lack of action. We have not made practical choices or taken realistic actions that would have made us agents of help and healing for the Earth. We have been silent and distant when we could have spoken and been engaged.

Gracious and loving God -- be with us. Do not allow us to turn away from the pain and confusion that surrounds us. Call us to new visions, new understandings and new relationships. Fill us with your deep forgiveness and lead us into life-giving hope. Grant us courage to face the challenges of this day.

... Silence is kept ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Spirit of God, we rejoice that you have moved within us and enriched our prayer. **By your grace and power, we are forgiven and made new.**

By your love, we find healing for our hurt, and we are called to bring healing to your creation.

With hope and joy, we raise these prayers in the name of Jesus. Amen.

❖ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show
(verse 1 only)

No. 481

❖ THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

A Hymn for Peace

Nelson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

From the Psalmist
From the Gospel

Psalm 8
John 21:1-19

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Fishing with Jesus

Ben Paroulek

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

David Marquis, Deacon

THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.16)

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

OFFERING

Call for the Offering
Piano Offertory

Fairest Lord Jesus

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(Note: After the offertory, please rise as the ushers pass your pew to present the offering for dedication.)

- ❖ Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
- ❖ Prayer of Thanks

No. 592

O God, we pray that we may be aligned with you, so that your powers may flow through us, and be expressed by us, for the good of this planet Earth, and all that lives on it. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

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| ❖ HYMN | <i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i> | No. 473 |
| ❖ BENEDICTION | | |
| ❖ BENEDICTION RESPONSE | <i>Sent Out in Jesus' Name</i> | No. 2184 |
| PIANO POSTLUDE | <i>Revolutionary Étude</i> | Chopin |

You are invited to remain seated and conclude worship with the postlude.

