



Since
we live
by the
Spirit,

let us
keep in
step
with the
Spirit.

Galatians 5:25

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

August 15, 2010 at 10:00 AM

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

HYMN SING

WELCOME & COMMON CONCERNS

(Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

❖ CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Kyrie

No. 2275

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Rebecca Chancellor

Based on a prayer from the Iona Community, Scotland

Come, all you people! Come, let us praise our Maker!

God made the world out of kindness, creating order out of confusion;

God made each one of us in God's own image; God's fingerprint is on every soul.

So we praise and worship you, O God.

Jesus Christ, the carpenter, left his tools and trade;

Jesus Christ, the poor man, made others rich;

Jesus Christ, the healer, let himself be wounded.

Jesus Christ, the savior, who died and rose again.

So we praise and worship you, O Christ.

The Holy Spirit broke the bonds of every race and nation, to let God speak in every tongue;

The Holy Spirit converted souls and emptied pockets;

The Holy Spirit shows us how love made all things new and opens the doors to change and freedom. So we praise and worship you, O Spirit.

❖ HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

No. 379

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Goodness and Mercy, we want to follow you, but we will only go so far. Like Jesus taught us, we want to bear one another's burdens, but only when we have no burdens of our own. We want to live by the Spirit, but only if we are comfortable. We say we want to live and share in community, but we also want to be the best, the brightest, and the strongest. We often choose individualism over community. By your abundant grace, turn our pride into

humility; replace our envy with compassion. With the Spirit's guidance, help us to share with each other and participate fully in the body of Christ. Hear us now as we continue our prayers in silence...

... Silence is kept ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, let us be assured that God's grace covers us, surrounds us and is for us. Jesus did not come to call the righteous, but the sinners. In Jesus Christ, God meets us and mends us. We are made free. In God's forgiveness, we are free! Free to change, free to love, free to forgive others. Hear and trust in the good news of the Gospel:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, healed, and made whole.
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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sarabande

Bach

(from *Partita for Flute in A minor, BWV1013*)

Ross Miller, flute

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Walter Brueggemann

Guiding, sovereign God,

Overmatch our resistant ears with your transforming speech. Penetrate our jadedness and fatigue. Touch our yearnings by your words. Through your out-loudness, draw us closer to you. We are ready to listen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 3:1-20 and Galatians 5:25-6:5

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

East of Eden

Pastor Minschew

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jim Sandberg, Deacon

THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.16)

OFFERING

Call for the Offering

Offertory

(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* No. 592
- ❖ Prayer of Dedication

God, you created us good in your image, and you call us to follow you and love all people. Help us to remember that all we have comes from you and that you are always with us. Help us to give ourselves fully to you and to the work of your kingdom. Accept these gifts as tokens of our love and service. Be with those for whom these gifts are given, and lead us in the name of the One who shapes us and loves us. Amen.

- ❖ HYMN *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* No. 326

- ❖ **BENEDICTION**

- ❖ **CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**
Go Ye, Go Ye into the World No. 2239

POSTLUDE

*You are invited to exit following the benediction,
or remain seated and conclude worship with the postlude.*