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SPIRIT

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Valley Community Presbyterian Church

8060 SW Brentwood, Portland, Oregon 97225

August 16, 2009 at 10:00 AM

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

GATHER IN G_D'S NAME

HYMN SING

WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

- ❖ **CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT** *He Has Made Me Glad* No. 2270
- ❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist, Kristina Kurtz
Baptism is a celebration of G_d's grace, not human achievement.
It is a means of grace through which G_d acts to seal the promises of the gospel.
Baptism is not an end in itself.
It always points beyond itself to celebrate G_d's grace and covenant faithfulness.
Baptism is a sign of a relationship that is covenantal, not contractual.
Our relationship with G_d in Christ is based on promises, like a marriage.
Baptism is deeply personal, but never private.
It is a communal action of the gathered congregation, which represents the church in all times and places.
Let us worship our loving and merciful G_d!

- ❖ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *We Know That Christ is Raised* No. 495

❖ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We know the mistakes we have made, Just G_d, the harsh words we have spoken, the hurt we have inflicted on those around us. Like children who run from one distraction to another, we chase after the easy temptations of the world. Chewing on bread made out of the ashes of our brokenness, we act as if we were allergic to your Word. We continue to do all those things which break your heart, not wanting to look in the mirror and see our true selves.

Forgive us, Cradler of Compassion. Grace us with the new life gifted in the Bread. Heal us with the joy and gladness of the Cup. Craft us new hearts, which beat with one another, and as one with Jesus Christ, our Lord.

❖ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Seeing our brokenness, G_d puts us back together; knowing our hunger for hope, G_d feeds us with Christ; hearing our prayers, G_d chooses to forgive us. Hear the Good News: we are forgiven.

One hope, one faith, one baptism, one Body - these are the gifts G_d gives to us, in this moment and in all the moments to come. 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!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Eucaristica

Casals

Adam Steele, baritone

*Porto Jesus dins el meu cor,
i es el meu cor una Hostia Santa
per això avui la resplandor
que m'asserena el viure es tanta.
Porto Jesus dins el cor meu
i el cor emsalta d'alegria
bondat fa avui ma pena lleu
i els angels tinc per companyia.
Dins el meu cor porto Jesus
i veig la llum del cel tan clara
que per a sempre ferm refus
del mal obscur jo faig des d'ara.
Jesus jo porto cor endins,
li vull portar tota la vida
i vull seguir dels serafins
la veu d'amor que el cel em crida.
De lliris blancs i gessamins
avui al mon quina florida.*

Deep in my heart I bear my Lord;
My heart is a sacred host to Jesus;
Therefore in my heart the light
that gives serenity is ever glorious.
Deep in my heart I bear my Lord;
And my heart leaps joyfully within me.
Goodness today makes sorrow light,
and I have angels for my companions.
Deep in my heart I bear my Lord,
and ever see the light of heaven
that keeps me always from the ways
of darkness and of evil-doing.
Deep in my heart I bear my Lord;
And all my life He will be with me.
I want my voice to speak of love
as does the seraph that proclaims Him.
My way shall be a path of lilies,
the path on which I walk beside Him.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**A TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH
CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING**

PROCLAIM G_D'S WORD

PSALM 111

Cantor, Adam Steele

Hal H. Hopson

Refrain

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Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 14:19-31

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to G_d!

SERMON

What is the Meaning of this Sacrament We Call Baptism?
René Minshev

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gail Neidhart, Deacon

THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.16)

RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING (Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

Call for the Offering

Piano Offertory

Adagio

Mozart

❖ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
(Traditional tune, but we will be singing it a little faster)

No. 592

❖ Prayer of Dedication

As Jesus was baptized and commissioned to serve in his own way – so we are baptized and commissioned to serve in our own ways. As part of fulfilling our commitment to serve, let us present our tithes and offerings. Amen.

GO IN G_D'S NAME

❖ HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

No. 361

❖ BENEDICTION

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

**Gracious G_d, by water and the Spirit,
you claimed us as your own,
cleansing us from sin, and giving us new life.
You made us members of Your body, the church,
calling us to be your servants in the world.**

**Renew in us the covenant you made in our baptism.
Continue the good work you have begun in us.
Send us forth by the power of your Spirit to love and serve you with joy,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

❖ CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Baptized in Water (vs. 1 only)

No. 492

** Concerning the writing of the word G_d in the worship bulletin:
the name of G_d is so holy that it is never to be written, only pointed to.*