



*Now faith is the
assurance of
things hoped for,
the conviction
of things
not seen.*

Hebrews 11:1

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

August 22, 2010 at 10:00 AM

❖ *Please stand as you are able*

Bold Text is spoken by everyone

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN SING

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

❖ CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT *He Has Made Me Glad* No. 2270

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgists, Kristina and Allison Kurtz

In faith, Abraham and Sarah set out for a new land.

In faith, we seek to follow God in our lives.

In faith, the church seeks to discern the future to which God calls us in our age.

In faith, we gather now to worship, seeking new life in Christ.

God of present, past and future, guide us now to your new age of promise.

❖ HYMN *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* No. 404

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, you love us steadfastly, but we have trouble loving in return; you call us, but we have wax-filled ears; you reveal yourself, but our eyelids are heavy; you lead us toward our neighbor, but we build walls around ourselves; you hate evil, injustice, and alienation, but we get used to it. O God, we pray, help us to see ourselves both as we are and as we might be before you, and draw us by your Spirit's tether into your forgiving, renewing, and serviceable grace, through the mercies of Christ. Amen.

... Silence is kept ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is no greater joy in the heart of God than this moment now! For in this moment, we call upon God to grant us new life in the center of our wounded hearts. It is with great joy that God grants us new life and forgiveness of our sin!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven by grace! With great joy, we are made alive! 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

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* (from *Messiah*) Handel
Deborah Purcell, soprano; Darlene Cusick, piano

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Genesis 4:1-15 and Hebrews 11:1-4*
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word
Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Crime and Punishment* Pastor Minsheu

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Jim Sandberg, Deacon

THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.16)

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

OFFERING

Call for the Offering
Piano Offertory *The Girl with the Flaxen Hair* Debussy
(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

Wise God, we can tell you only what you have taught us. Generous God, we can return to you only what you have already given us. Receive us and our gifts, for we have found our way to you through Jesus Christ. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

❖ HYMN *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord* No. 419

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

No. 2237

POSTLUDE

“Butterfly” Etude

Chopin

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