

WHATEVER IS *true*,

WHATEVER IS *honorable*,

WHATEVER IS *just*,

WHATEVER IS *pure*...

IF THERE IS ANYTHING

worthy of praise,

THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS.

PHILIPPIANS 4:8, NRSV

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

August 29, 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

Bind Us Together

No. 2226

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist, Elaine Rea

Praise the Lord; praise God, O my soul!
Let us praise God as long as we live.

**God alone is worthy of our devotion;
we will sing praise to God all our life long.**

Happy are those whose hope is in God,
who labor in steadfast faith and love.

**God lifts up those who are bowed down;
prisoners are freed, and the blind see.**

Grace to you and peace, from God whose care we know.
Worship now, giving to God all that belongs to God.

**We bring all that we are to this time of worship.
Praise God for the joy inspired by the Holy Spirit.**

❖ HYMN

Canticle of the Sun (see insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our God, we confess that we have not always lived for you. You have invited us into new life, yet we have closed our eyes and ears and hearts against that invitation. You have shown us the way to love, yet we have chosen too often the path of uncaring. You have called us to the ministry of reconciliation, yet often we find ourselves tempted to turn away from others. You have challenged us to generosity, but many times we would rather keep to ourselves. Enter our lives once again. Release us from the bonds of self-centeredness. Create in us a renewed openness to your love, that we may share your love with others. Amen.

... Silence is kept ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Of what advantage will it be to gain the whole world and forfeit our lives?

God has entrusted us with the gift of life and challenged us to spend it as followers of Jesus.

In Christ, we find our true identity and experience the forgiveness and wholeness God intends for us.

God claims us, grants us gifts, and equips us for our service in the world.

❖ 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

Pastor Rebecca Chancellor

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

Like As We Do Put Our Trust

Wesley

Raoul Bellis-Squires, bass; Adam Steele, baritone; Mark Kemball, piano

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 146:1-10 and Philippians 4:4-13

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

On Winning and Losing

Pastor Minshew

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

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

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

Let your Word be at work in us, gracious God, and through the offerings we present for your blessing. We offer here our support for the work of teaching, preaching, and good counsel, our assistance for those who are burdened and hungry and lost, our encouragement for questioners, seekers, and risk-takers intent on leading a life worthy of your approval.

We are all your students. Let us also be your humble servants, through the offering of our substance and ourselves. Amen!

GO IN GOD'S NAME

❖ **HYMN**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

No. 145

❖ **BENEDICTION**

❖ **CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

The Lord Bless and Keep You

No. 2280

POSTLUDE

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