

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Valley Community Presbyterian Church

8060 SW Brentwood, Portland, Oregon 97225

First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2010 at 10:00 AM

❖ *Please stand as you are able*

Bold Text is spoken by everyone

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PIANO PRELUDE *Nocturne in B \flat minor* Chopin

ACOLYTES Megan Bootsma and Madeleine Smith

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

OUR PURPOSE IN ACTION Capital Improvements Committee

❖ INTROIT *Seek Ye First* No. 333

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist, Margaret Johnston

Led by the Holy Spirit, we come to this place.

God has given us this haven where we may bring our hopes, our fears, our doubts, our wonder.

Led by the Holy Spirit, we will gather at the Table.

Jesus has come to be with us in our lives, to feed us with grace and peace.

Led by the Holy Spirit, we will go to serve God's people.

There is no distinction between 'us' and 'them,' between Presbyterians and other believers; we are sisters and brothers in God's family.

❖ HYMN *The Glory of These Forty Days* No. 87

❖ CALL TO CONFESSION

❖ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our ancestors, we confess that we can become so obsessed with all that is new, we ignore the past which is filled with wisdom. We prefer to wander down streets to all the places we know so well, yet are reluctant to be led by your Spirit into unfamiliar neighborhoods. We sometimes are in such a hurry to get our heart's desires, that we stumble past the grace you are longing to give us.

Hear our hearts and see our brokenness, God of our days, and forgive us. May we grow in our trust of you, rather than continuing to test you. Gather us up and bring us into the presence of Jesus Christ, our Savior, that we might follow him to Jerusalem, and beyond - into that place of hope and peace you are giving to us.

Silence is kept

❖ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

This is our good news: hearing our prayers and our silence, God forgives us! God is giving to us a marvelous inheritance - hope and grace, peace and joy.

On our lips are cries of gratitude, in our hearts is the trust in the One who loves us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! 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 and CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Martin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of covenants, We often move through our deserts and wildernesses unchanged. Today let us hear your words in scripture and song so that they move us and change us.

May we come from our time of worship with the same fire and passion that burned in the life of Jesus as he came out of his wilderness. Amen.

CANTORED PSALM

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

6 *Refrain*

God is our ref - uge; God is our strength.

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 2:15-20

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rendezvous in the Desert

Pastor Minshew

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Carol Powers, Deacon

THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.16)

RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING

Call for the Offering

(Note: The Worship Committee is inviting everyone to stand up when the ushers pass your pew and remain standing as they present the offering.)

Offertory

Going Home

Antonin Dvorak

Laurel Montes, alto; Darlene Cusick, piano

❖ Doxology during Lent *For the Fruit of All Creation*

For the fruit of all creation, Thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, Thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, Silent growth while we are sleeping,

Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, Thanks be to God.

❖ Prayer of Dedication

We praise you, Loving God, for the richness of our lives and the gift of this time of worship. Accept now these partial offerings of our hearts, and let all else follow, until we are fully yours, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

❖ HYMN

Lamb of God

No. 2113

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE *The Lord Bless and Keep You*

PIANO POSTLUDE

Ballade in G minor

Brahms

As Lent is a season of reflection, representatives of the Mission Committee will be handing out Lenten devotional folders at the sanctuary exits after the service. They are for use as a guide for Lenten prayers.