

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Valley Community Presbyterian Church

February 22, 2009 at 10:00 AM

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

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Adagio from Sonata in D, K. 576* Mozart

ACOLYTES Allison Kurtz and Lindsay Kurtz

WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

INTROIT *This is My Beloved Son* Nystedt
Wendy Steele, mezzo-soprano

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist, Kristina Kurtz

Leader: Among the poor, among the proud,
Men: Among the persecuted,
Women: Among the privileged,
All: Christ is coming to make all things new.

Leader: In the private house, in the public place,
Men: In the wedding feast,
Women: In the judgment hall,
All: Christ is coming to make all things new.

Leader: With a gentle touch, with an angry word,
Men: With a clear conscience,
Women: With burning love,
All: Christ is coming to make all things new.

Leader: That the kingdom might come, that the world might believe,
Men: That the powerful might stumble,
Women: That the hidden might be seen,
All: Christ is coming to make all things new.

Leader: Within us, without us, behind us, before us,
Men: In this place, in every place,
Women: For this time, for all time,
All: Christ is coming to make all things new.

LITANY FOR GOD'S GUIDANCE

One: Because you made the world, and intended it to be a good place, and called its people your children; because, when things seemed at their worst, you came in Christ to bring out the best in us; so, gracious God, we gladly say:

All: Goodness is stronger than evil, Love is stronger than hate, Light is stronger than darkness, Truth is stronger than lies.

One: Because confusion can reign inside us, despite our faith; because anger, tension, bitterness and envy distort our vision; because our minds sometimes worry small things out of all proportion; because we do not always get it right, we want to believe:

All: Goodness is stronger than evil, Love is stronger than hate, Light is stronger than darkness, Truth is stronger than lies.

One: Because you have promised to hear us, and are able to change us, and are willing to make our hearts your home, we ask you to confront, control, forgive and encourage us, as you know best. Then let us cherish in our hearts that which we proclaim with our lips:

All: Goodness is stronger than evil, Love is stronger than hate, Light is stronger than darkness, Truth is stronger than lies.

One: Lord, hear our prayer, and change our lives until we illustrate the grace of the God who makes all things new.

All: Amen.

❖ **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

SPECIAL MUSIC

This Little Light of Mine
Cherub Choir

Traditional

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

How Dazzling Fair

Wood

WORD OF GOD

One: In the beginning was the Word

All: **And the Word was with God,
And the Word was God.**

Scripture Lessons:

From the Hebrew Bible: *Genesis 26:12-22*

From the Christian Scriptures: *1 Corinthians 12:4-12*

One: For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us;

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Holding on in Bombay"

Ben Paroulek

PASTORAL PRAYER

Congregational response throughout the prayer:

Leader: Lord hear us.

People: **Lord graciously hear us.**

RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING (Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

Call for the Offering

Offertory *Holy is the Lord* Schubert, arr. McChesney

Valley English Handbell Choir

This is the original text to this vocal work, arranged for handbells.

Feel free to meditate upon these holy words:

Holy, holy, holy, Holy is the Lord.

Holy is the Father, Holy is the Son,

Holy is the Spirit: blessed Three in One.

❖ Doxology

❖ Prayer of Dedication

**O God, through the offering of these gifts may we become a
more open people...**

open-minded in hearing your Word and wisdom,

open-hearted in healing a broken world,

open-handed in heeding your call for charity and

enacted love.

**With thanks for all good gifts, we present a portion of our
substance and the whole of ourselves. Amen.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

❖ HYMN

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

No. 343

❖ BENEDICTION

One: From where we are to where you need us,
All: Jesus, now lead on.
One: From the security of what we know to the adventure
of what you will reveal,
All: Jesus, now lead on.
One: To refashion the fabric of this world until it
resembles the shape of your kingdom,
All: Jesus, now lead on.
One: Because good things have been prepared for those
who love God,
All: Jesus, now lead on.

❖ CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

O Laughing Light (please join in singing with the choir)

No. 2093

