



**The  
Sovereign LORD  
is my strength ...  
He enables  
me to go on  
the heights ...**

**Habakkuk 3:19**

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Valley Community Presbyterian Church  
8060 SW Brentwood, Portland, Oregon 97225  
January 18, 2009 at 10:00 AM

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

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Greensleeves* Purvis

ACOLYTES Birgitta Carlson and Ellie Stiller

WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

OUR PURPOSE IN ACTION Upward Basketball  
Warren Freeborg and David Scarce

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT *Kyrie* No. 2275

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist, Larry Hawkins

One: From the midst of our real lives with their very real problems,

**All: We come to seek courage and strength from the presence of God and the support of one another.**

One: As persons who love imperfectly and are loved imperfectly,

**All: We come to be renewed by the perfect love of God, proclaimed in the community of love and faith.**

One: As persons who never fully live up to their high calling in Jesus Christ,

**All: We come to be encouraged to do our best for one more week.**

**All: Let us worship, with hearts open to the love of God, with hands outstretched to one another, and with whole selves willing to accept the cost and joy of being Christ's disciples. Amen.**

❖ **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

❖ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *Open My Eyes That I May See* No. 324

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all people, we come here as your church this morning to worship you in community. May we listen with our hearts as you call each of us by name...as you speak in the silence, in song, in scripture, in a sermon this Sabbath morning. May we continue the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and others who have peacefully worked for justice and equality for all people. Forgive us for what we have left undone. Help us to become vessels of reconciliation and to recognize our responsibilities to fight racism, sexism, economic deprivation, environmental destruction, and injustice wherever it is. We share the same hopes, tears, laughter, and dreams with all humanity. May we respond to Jesus' prayer "that they may all be one." Amen.

## SILENT, PERSONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### ❖ 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

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

*Habakkuk 3:17-19*

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.  
Thanks be to God!

## ANTHEM

### SERMON

*Living Above "See" Level*

Pastor Minshew

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Carol Powers, Deacon

THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.16)

## RESPOND TO THE WORD

**OFFERING** (Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

Call for the Offering

Offertory

*The Holy Boy*

Ireland

❖ Doxology

❖ Prayer of Dedication

**There is one God, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. We give you thanks for gifting us with so much—our selves, our time, and our possessions—signs indeed of your love for us. Make us grateful and humble in our sharing of these gifts that others may see your love in us. Amen.**

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

❖ **HYMN**

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

No. 404

❖ **BENEDICTION**

❖ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE and RECESSIONAL**

*O Laughing Light*

*The time after the benediction is a time for hospitality. Please take this opportunity to make new friends and invite them to join you upstairs at coffee hour.*