

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

July 19, 2009 at 10:00 AM

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

GATHER IN G_D'S NAME

HYMN SING

WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Warren Freeborg, Liturgist

Whether we are strangers or old friends,
G_d is joining us together in this place.
G_d's steadfast love is our foundation;
G_d's faithfulness is with us forever.

Whether we are 'natives' or immigrants,
G_d is building us together spiritually.
G_d's steadfast love is our foundation;
G_d's faithfulness is with us forever.

Whatever walls we try to build between us,
in Christ, G_d tears them down to build
a household for all of G_d's people.
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G_d's faithfulness is with us forever.

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE

Jesus Loves Me

No. 304

❖ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Steadfast G_d, we confess that we are so busy putting up walls between ourselves and others, we cannot see the home you are building for all of us. We spend so much time noting the differences between us and others, while you are embracing everyone as your child. We run to welcome those who look, talk, and act like us, and you throw open your doors to the stranger, the alien, in our midst.

Forgive us, Faithful G_d. By your grace, help us to see the household you are building for all people: there are no plastic protectors on the furniture; there are no rooms that are off-limits; and even the smallest child is welcome to sit at the big people's Table and be fed by your grace. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our peace, our hope, our Lord, our Savior.

❖ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Do you remember? At one time, you were without Christ; you were the stranger, the outsider, the alien. But now, in Christ, you have been brought home, living in G_d's household of hope and peace.

G_d's covenant with us is everlasting; G_d's steadfast love is forever; G_d's forgiveness makes us new and whole. Thanks be to G_d. Amen.

❖ **RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

Gloria Patri

No. 579

❖ **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MUSICAL PRESENTATION

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Cents-Ability Offering

PROCLAIM G_D'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 25:19-34 and I Corinthians 1:20-31

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

You Have Received a Blessing

Pastor Minshew

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Bev Hubbard, Deacon

THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.16)

❖ **HYMN**

Two Fishermen

No. 2101

RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING (Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Traumerei

Schumann

❖ Doxology

- ❖ Prayer of Dedication
**God, receive these gifts—and give us open hands.
Fill our lives—and give us open hearts.
Touch us with prophecy—and give us open minds.
Bless this church—and give us open doors. Amen.**

GO IN G_D'S NAME

- ❖ HYMN

Guide My Feet

No. 354

- ❖ BENEDICTION

CHURCH PICNIC PRAYER OF BLESSING

Jesus, we ask you to join us in our fun today. So many times, we come before you with need, in sorrow, or in solemn worship. Today, we want you to come and play with us. It really is that simple.

Savior, you ate and drank with those who needed you most. You blessed a wedding with happy wine and took time off from miracles to embrace children, showing where the best miracles really are in the process. You know what it is to laugh. Please, Jesus, be in our joy, our songs, and our laughter today. Renew us with peace and innocence. Our picnic anticipates the great banquet of heaven. Glory is as near as the word of faith in our hearts. Let today be an appetizer for G_d's reign of love. In Jesus' name, we pray. In Jesus' name, we live. In Jesus' name, we party!
Amen: let's play!

** From René: I learned from my Rabbi friends that the name of G_d is so holy that it is not to be written, only pointed to. I have adopted that tradition in my own writing*



Join us for the *All-Church Picnic* on the front lawn directly after the service. There is plenty of food for the picnic today. If you did not bring a potluck dish, please come anyway and enjoy the fun that has been planned!