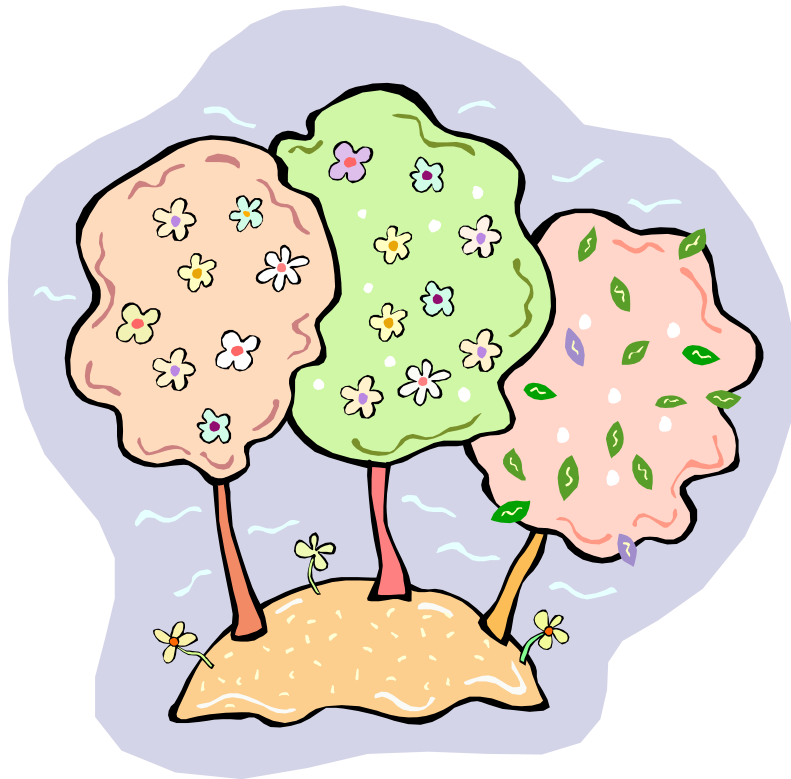




The Tale of Three Trees



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

June 28, 2009 at 10:00 AM

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

PRELUDE

ACOLYTES

Madeleine Smith and Will Smith

WELCOME, COMMON CONCERNS, and TEACHER RECOGNITION

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist, Kristina Kurtz

We are gathered to give witness to the enduring realities of life.

**We have come to affirm that life is a gift, that the gift is good,
and that it comes from God.**

We are gathered to renew our hope in Jesus Christ,
as we travel life's long journey.

**We find God in the paths of our present and our past,
but we also trust in God's love in our future.**

The same God guides us all the way, every day of our lives, and beyond life.

**Let us praise God with our whole hearts,
and entrust our lives to God's hands.**

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE

In His Time

No. 2203

(Verses 1 and 2, then repeat verse 1)

(Children are dismissed to attend Sunday School classes)

❖ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Matthew 14:22-33

We remember the great storm on Galilee, when Jesus' friends were rocked back and forth in their tiny boat of faith, and were frightened for their lives. Their friend came to them in their distress, but they didn't recognize him, thinking him a ghost.

**How many times, O God, have we been blinded by our fear,
and saw, in your presence, only the shadow of illusion?**

We remember that Jesus approached the boat, and invited Peter to join him in standing on the waves. But Peter was afraid and lost sight of Jesus, and he began to sink.

**How many times, O God, have we turned our attention to the distractions and
anxieties of this world, and begun to sink into hopelessness?**

We remember that Jesus had mercy on Peter and rescued him from the smothering waves, asking him why he had so little faith.

**How many times, O God, have we cried out in our faithlessness,
forgetting that you always rescue, you always save?**

Even as we remember our faults, O God, we remember your mercy. And so we ask to be restored to your side, set back in the boat of your love, while the waves are calmed about us.

**Master of the Wind, Lover of the Storm, Bringer of the Peace,
teach us how to trust you in all things. Amen.**

❖ **RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

Gloria Patri

No. 579

❖ **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

SHARING FROM HIGH SCHOOL MONTANA MISSION TRIP

OFFERING (Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

Call for the Offering

Offertory

❖ Doxology

❖ Prayer of Dedication

We dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, of peace.

Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage. Amen.

HYMN (please remain seated)

Lord of All Hopefulness

No.2197

MUSIC AND DRAMA CAMP PRESENTATION (See insert)

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