



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

Third Sunday in Lent
March 7, 2010 at 10:00 AM

❖ *Please stand as you are able*
Bold Text is spoken by everyone

ORGAN PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love is This

Martin

ACOLYTES

Rachel Pippenger and Julia Pippenger

BOY SCOUT FLAG CEREMONY

WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

(Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

OUR PURPOSE IN ACTION

Capital Improvement Committee

INTROIT

For These Blessings
Cherub Choir

Fleeth

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Renn Sanderman, Liturgist

When our pockets are empty, God allows us to purchase what we need,
charging it to grace's account.

God thinks differently than we do.

When our souls are parched, God hands us a glass of living water.

God's ways are different from ours.

When we grow weary of searching, God takes our hand and leads us home.

God's love is different from ours.

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE

Ashes (please see back cover)

Conry

❖ CALL TO CONFESSION

❖ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We continue to be tempted, Faithful God. We are blessed with gifts to use for others, but we want to keep them for ourselves. We easily notice the mistakes of those around us, but do not want to look in the mirror at our lives. We turn our desires into idols, so we do not have to recognize how they can damage us.

Forgive us, Steadfast God. Fill the poverty of our spirits with the richness of your grace; feed our selfish hunger with the bread of compassion for the world; pour the living waters of Jesus Christ, our Guide and Savior, into our hearts until they overflow with love.

..... Silence is kept

❖ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God is faithful. God's love is an eternal bargain that will not be broken, God's grace is the gift that will not be taken back.

Such abundant mercy! Such extravagant grace!

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

ANTHEM

The Tree

Drobish

UNISON 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.

FROM THE PROPHET

Isaiah 55:1-9

FROM THE PSALMIST (Cantored)

Psalm 63:1-8

Hal H. Hopson

8 *Refrain*

Lord, you are my strength, has - ten to help me.

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FROM THE GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Still Time to Change?

Ben Paroulek

OFFERING

Offertory

Pie Jesu from Requiem

Faure

Angela Chou, soprano; Darlene Cusick, organ

(Note: **After** the offertory, please rise as the ushers pass your pew to present the offering for dedication.)

❖ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 592

❖ Prayer of Dedication

We worship you, O God, through these gifts and our lives.

May they be used to nourish lives with grace and mercy.

May the fruit of your Spirit be evident in all we do and say

as followers of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Communion of the People

Prayer

❖ HYMN

We Gather Here to Bid Farewell

No. 444

❖ BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The Lord Bless and Keep You

No. 2280

PIANO POSTLUDE

Intermezzo in C

Brahms

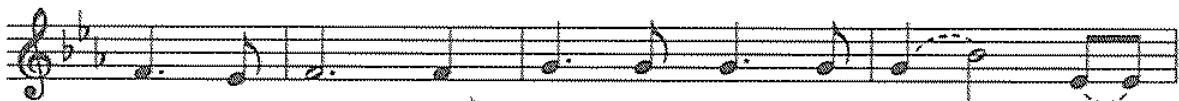
You are invited to remain seated and conclude worship with the postlude.

ASHES

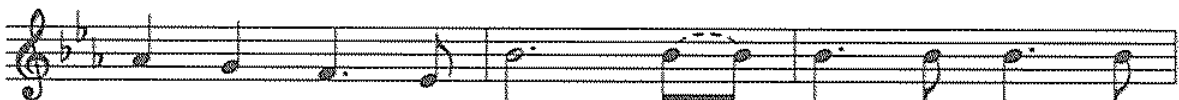
Tom Conry



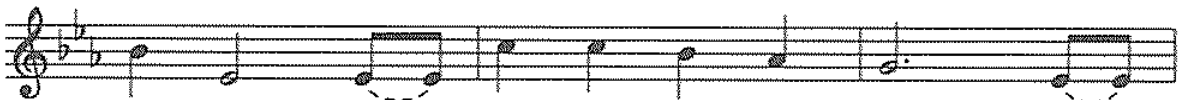
1. We rise a - gain from ash - es, from the good we've
2. We of - fer you our fail - ures, we ___ of - fer
3. Then rise a - gain from ash - es, let ___ heal - ing



1. failed to do. We rise a - gain from ash - es, to cre -
2. you at - tempts, the gifts not ful - ly giv - en, the ___
3. come to pain, though spring has turned to win - ter, and ___



1. ate our - selves a - new. If ___ all our world is
2. dreams not ful - ly dreamt. Give our stum - bl - ings di -
3. sun - shine turned to rain. The ___ rain we'll use for



1. ash - es, then ___ must our lives be true, an ___
2. rec - tion, give our vi - sions wid - er view, an ___
3. grow - ing, and cre - ate the world a - new from an



1. of - fer - ing of ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.
2. of - fer - ing of ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.
3. of - fer - ing of ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.

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