

“For whoever
wants to save
his life will lose it,
but whoever
loses his life
for me and for
the gospel
will save it.”

Mark 8:35



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

March 8, 2009 at 10:00 AM

Second Sunday in LENT

❖ *Please stand if you choose*

Bold Text is spoken by everyone

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN SING

ACOLYTES

David Caputo and Daniel Simenson

WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

INTROIT

This Little Light of Mine
Royal Ringers

arr. Waldrop

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In many and various ways, God has spoken of old to our ancestors by the prophets.

All: But in these last days, God has spoken to us through Jesus the Christ.

One: We have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,

All: But one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning.

One: Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

All: Let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire. Amen.

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE

Lamb of God

No. 2113

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you promise to speak to us in a still, small voice, but our world and our lives are so loud that we can't hear you. You offer a voice of reassurance and an invitation of welcome, yet we are too busy to receive your blessing. Too often we pour out our concerns to you, but do not pause long enough to listen for your reply. We may live side by side with our neighbors, but never take the time to really pay attention to their words. Forgive us, God. Help us to have the wisdom of Samuel and say, "Speak, God, for your servant listens." 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!

SAYING HELLO, SAYING GOODBYE

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON *Psalm 22:23-31* Cantor: Adam Steele

REFRAIN

$\text{♩} = 60$ Lord, you are my strength; _____ has - ten to help _____ me.



PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Sicut Cervus

Palestrina

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus
As the deer longs for running waters, so my soul longs for you, my God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God!

Romans 5:1-5 and Mark 8:31-36

SERMON

On Gaining and Losing Your Life

Pastor Minshew

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.16)

RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING (Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

Call for the Offering

Offertory *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

Martin

- ❖ Doxology for Lent (*sung to the tune "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*)

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine
demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.**

- ❖ Prayer of Dedication

**We bring these gifts to you, O Lord, and pray that you will take our
love and make it represent the Christ in whose name we serve and
share. Amen.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- ❖ HYMN

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

No. 80

- ❖ BENEDICTION

- ❖ CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The Glory of These Forty Days (please join in singing with the choir) No. 87