



**The wolf & the
lamb shall
feed together....
They shall
not hurt
nor destroy
in all my holy
mountain.**

Isaiah 65:25

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 16, 2010 at 10:00 AM

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

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

ORGAN PRELUDE *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* Manz

ACOLYTES Ariel Derting and Elizabeth Boyle

WELCOME & COMMON CONCERNS *(Please sign and pass the friendship folder)*

OUR PURPOSE IN ACTION *Night Strike, Maria Freeborg
Online Auction*

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

INTROIT *Peace* Patterson

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

In this Easter season, God calls us to leave our comfortable lives,
to journey, into that unknown, yet strangely certain, country called faith.
On sleepless nights, in fear's shadows, we toss and turn with doubt's questions,
hoping, like Nicodemus, to find Jesus and to listen willingly to his responses.
Reluctant to deny ourselves, convinced that everything, every thing,
depends on us,
**we struggle to affirm that everything, every thing, is in God's hands,
and we can let go of all to which we cling.**
In this Easter season, we long to follow Jesus,
**wherever he may go, wherever he may lead,
just like Nicodemus and so, so many others.**

❖ HYMN *Canticle of the Sun* (please see insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Today we confess our limitations, O God. Our limitations in understanding and perspective. The limits of our minds and our wills.

Being “born again” is an impossible human notion! We need your Wisdom and your perspective so that we can live this life in the beauty of the ways you’ve offered to us.

We confess, too, that we sometimes think that what we can perceive with our senses is the only reality. Consequently, that’s where we place our reliance. We confess that we need more – we need your realm of possibilities! Show us those possibilities, O God, and create new ones in us.

Forgive and free us, we pray. Amen.

... *Silence is kept* ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Let us remember our baptisms –
and trust our forgiveness!

❖ 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 CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

Kay Hope Gold

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

ANTHEM

Prayer of the Children

Bestor

Sanctuary Choir, Youth Choir, King's Kids Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 65:17-25 and John 2:23-3:8

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

On Changing Human Nature

Pastor René Minshew

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Carol Powers, Deacon

THE LORD’S PRAYER (p.16)

RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING

Call for the Offering

Piano Offertory

Prelude in E

J.S. Bach

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

- ❖ Doxology
- ❖ Prayer of Dedication

O God, our cups run over with the gifts of your grace. We thank you that Christ has entrusted us with the task of feeding your people. Make us faithful and courageous in our ministry of love and may we use these gifts to your glory. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

CELEBRATION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

❖ **HYMN** *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* No. 2051

❖ **BENEDICTION**

Congregation: Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands;

Graduates: now we put our lives into yours.

Congregation: Take us, renew and remake us. What we have been is past;

Graduates: What we shall be, through you, still awaits us.

Congregation: Lead us on.

Graduates: Take us with you.

All: Amen!

❖ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *He Has Made Me Glad* No. 2270

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Lemmens