



*We remember that your church
was born in wind and fire,
not to sweep us heavenward
like a presumptuous tower,
but to guide us down
the dusty roads of this world
so that we may lift up the downcast,
heal the broken,
reconcile what is lost,
and bring peace amidst unrest.*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

May 31, 2009 at 10:00 AM

Pentecost

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

GATHER IN G_D'S NAME

ORGAN PRELUDE *Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove* Walther

ACOLYTES David Caputo and Daniel Simenson

WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

OUR PURPOSE IN ACTION Jenny Pratt, Karen Yakymi, Soles4Souls
Kay Hope Gold, VBS

❖ CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT *Come and Find the Quiet Center* No. 2128

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

When the day of Pentecost had come,

they were all together in one place.

And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush
of a violent wind,

and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

May our singing be all praise
and our meditations be pleasing,

**for we are animated by your breath and
are alive with your Spirit.**

Do not hide your face from us,
but touch us

**like your holy mountains,
so that we tremble and rejoice.
Let us worship G_d!**

❖ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* No. 314

❖ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

G_d of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ our Lord.

❖ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

❖ **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *Gloria Patri* No. 579

❖ **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

RECEPTION OF CONFIRMANDS AND BAPTISM

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

PROCLAIM G_D'S WORD

ANTHEM *Bow Down Low* arr. Bridges

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Acts 2:14-21*
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON *What is Your Controlling Vision?* Pastor Minsheu

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

RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING (Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

Call for the Offering

Organ Offertory

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

Karg-Elert

❖ Doxology

❖ Prayer of Dedication

O G_d, on this day of Pentecost we celebrate your Spirit so freely given and so powerfully active within your church. As that Spirit moves in our midst, may it inspire us towards generosity and fire us with an energy to serve you well. We ask this in the name of Christ whose promise of ever-presence the Spirit fulfills. Amen.

GO IN G_D'S NAME

❖ **HYMN**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

No. 538

❖ **BENEDICTION**

❖ **CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

At the Font We Start Our Journey (verses 1 and 4 only)

No. 2114

** 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.*