



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Valley Community Presbyterian Church
8060 SW Brentwood
Portland, Oregon 97225

October 11, 2009 at 10:00 AM

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

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

ORGAN PRELUDE

All Glory Be to God on High

J.S. Bach

ACOLYTES

Brantley Schinkelwitz and Alex Blair

WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

❖ CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Honor and Praise

No. 2018

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist, Jan Bellis-Squires

We look in the mirror and what do we see?

We see people who try to be faithful, even as questions and struggles challenge our faith.

We look in the mirror and how do we see?

We see with hearts that are open to God's love, with lives which seek to trust when all the evidence tells us not to be so foolish.

We look in the mirror and who do we see?

We see Jesus, the One who struggles with the questions we raise, who models faithfulness for all who would follow. Amen.

❖ PRAYER OF THE DAY

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE

Blessed to Be a Blessing

(see insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We stand before you, Saving God, stripped of our pretensions and pride, for nothing we do or say, or do not, can be hidden from you. You hear the angry words we preach to ourselves; you sift through the rubble of hurts

we have caused; you see how we stumble, weighed down by all that 'stuff' that keeps us from following Jesus.

We stand before you, Holy Grace. As you empty our hands of that wealth of unneeded things we cling so tightly to, fill them with your grace and hope. As we let go of all that might hold us back, give us the trust to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into the life that he offers to each of us. Amen.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Because God loves us, we lack for nothing; because God forgives us, we have everything we need; because God surrounds us with sisters and brothers, we do not journey alone.

Committing everything to God, trusting in the One who redeems us, we decide to live as God's faithful and forgiven people. Amen.

❖ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

No. 579

❖ THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Purcell

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Exodus 33:12-23 and Matthew 22:15-22

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

On Borrowing from Your Children

René Minshew

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

RESPOND TO THE WORD

RECOMMITMENT TO STEWARDSHIP

Blessed are those who are...emptied of all that doesn't matter, those for whom the riches of this world just aren't that important.

The reign of heaven is theirs.

Blessed are those who wear compassion like a garment...

For they too shall receive comfort.

Blessed are the creators of peace, those who build roads that unite rather than walls that divide, those who bless the world with the healing power of their presence.

For they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those whose love has been tried, like gold, in the furnace and found to be precious, genuine, and lasting, those who have lived their belief out loud, no matter what the cost or pain.

RECEIPT OF OFFICER PLEDGES

OFFERING (Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

Call for the Offering

Offertory

I Stand at the Threshold

J.S. Bach

❖ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 592

❖ Prayer of Dedication

God, grant me the awareness of all I have been given – the courage to give back in full measure – and the wisdom to see both of these as blessings.

God, grant me the awareness of all I have been given – the courage to give back in full measure – and the wisdom to be grateful of these blessings.

God, grant me the awareness of all I have been given – the courage to give back in full measure – and the wisdom to gratefully acknowledge gifts given and received as blessings. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

❖ HYMN

O Blessed Spring

No. 2076

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go with Us, Lord (sing two times)

No. 535

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in D Major

Johnson

If you choose, you are invited to exit with the choir following the benediction, or remain seated and conclude worship with the postlude.