



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Valley Community Presbyterian Church
8060 SW Brentwood, Portland, Oregon 97225
October 4, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

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

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PIANO PRELUDE

Andante with Variations

Beethoven

ACOLYTES

Birgitta Carlson and Halle Dixon

WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

(Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

OUR PURPOSE IN ACTION

Peacemaking Offering

Laurel Kreutzer

❖ **CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT**

Seek Ye First

No. 333

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The God of creation makes us one in body!

Let us join hearts and voices in praise of God!

The God of Christ makes us one in the Spirit!

Let us join hearts and voices in praise of God!

❖ **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

❖ **HYMN OF PRAISE**

Blessed to Be a Blessing

(please see insert for words)

❖ **CALL TO CONFESSION**

❖ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God,

we confess that we are often swept up in the tide of self interest.

We have failed in our calling to be your holy people.

We live more in apathy born of fatalism than in passion born of hope.

We are moved more by private ambition than by social justice.

We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice.

We try to speak in your name without relinquishing our glories,
without nourishing our souls, without relying wholly on your grace.
Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you.
By your Holy Spirit, forgive us, revive us,
and reshape us in your image. Amen. (*Silence is kept.*)

❖ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

❖ **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

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Elijah Rock

Hairston

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 12:1-9, Psalm 33 and 1 Corinthians 4:1-14

Words of Wisdom. Words of Truth.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Reverend Liz Leavitt

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Congregational Response following "God, hear our prayers"
Make us your messengers of peace and justice.

RESPOND TO THE WORD

RECOMMITMENT TO STEWARDSHIP

Anne Searce

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.

OFFERING (Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

Call for the Offering

Piano Offertory

I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ

Bach-Busoni

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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

It is truly right and good to glorify you at all times in all places, O God.
Through your living word you created all things and pronounced them good.

You made human beings in your image, persons capable of entering into relationships, both with you and with each other.

Even when we have sought to go our own ways, you have called us as sisters and brothers to be a great family. Though we have brought others pain and heartache, you offer us a way of reconciliation.

So today we join with all your people on earth praising your name in unending song saying:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God,
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

Receive Elements as Invited

Communion Music

Ubi Caritas

No. 2179

Leaders from the Taizé ecumenical church community in Southern France have developed music with two purposes in mind: to sing in a 'universal' language (they chose Latin, a dead language for sure, but one that did not necessarily favor one modern dialect over another), and to sing simple melodies repetitively so they become meditations. Please feel free to join in as you see fit, but please know that we will sing this short tune

throughout Communion. Please sing the Latin words as they are fairly easy and there are not many, and let the words multiply in meaning with each repetition. You will hear some solo interjections, but keep singing!

Here is a pronunciation guide:

oo-bee kah-ree-tahs et a-mor, oo-bee kah-ree-tahs dey-oos ee-bee est.

Prayer

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- ❖ **HYMN** O for a World No. 386

- ❖ **BENEDICTION**

- ❖ **CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE** We Sing to You, O God (verses 1 and 4) No. 2001

- PIANO POSTLUDE** *Allegro* Beethoven

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