



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

September 20, 2009 at 10:00 AM

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

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* Pethel

ACOLYTES Allison Kurtz and Lindsay Kurtz

WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

OUR PURPOSE IN ACTION Theological Education Sunday,
Shirley Hercher

❖ CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT *Open Our Eyes* No. 2086

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist, David Jimerson
God be praised for turning seasons—blustery winter with its storms and rains,
the fragile winds of spring, and warm, growing, grazing summer.
Now two-faced autumn begins with burnished days and drizzling days.

Autumn—September crimson, October orange and cat-black, November gray.
**Autumn—golden leaves, ripe red apples, school bells, football cheers,
pumpkin pie, cider, mince, the smell of cold and smoke, the touch of
homecoming.**

Autumn—when between the boughs of leaf-lost trees squirrels race winter. We
gather in the harvest of our lives, the plenty, the good, and rake up the
scatterings—dried hopes and fallen dreams.
**And we offer all the end-year bounty and gleanings before the Almighty
God.**

❖ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord* No. 419

❖ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Author of life, we humbly confess that too often we fall short of your intentions for us and of our expectations of ourselves. We would touch the world with goodness, but often we withdraw in anxiety and self-concern. We would live with integrity and stand for truth, but we are torn with uncertainties. We would warm the lives of others with our love, but we hesitate, wondering if they will love us in return. We would go about our daily tasks with confidence and joy, but find ourselves struggling with self-doubt. We need your presence, O God, if we are to be what we could be and want to be. Let our worship heal us, renew us, strengthen us, that we may go out in joy and be led forth in peace. 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!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Ain'a That Good News

arr. Messick

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God!

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and Hebrews 12:1-2

SERMON

Pass It On

René Minshew

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sue Koning, Deacon

THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.16)

RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING (Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

Call for the Offering

Piano Offertory

Allemande

J.S. Bach

❖ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 592

❖ Prayer of Dedication

In and of ourselves, O God, we are fragmented, and our gifts are only partial. But in you we become whole, and our giving is whole. Receive now the love and worship and gifts that reflect who we have come to be—or who we have yet to become—in your kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

❖ **HYMN**

Guide My Feet

No. 354

❖ **BENEDICTION**

❖ **CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Cry of My Heart

No. 2165

PIANO POSTLUDE

Gigue

J.S. Bach

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