

CROP HUNGER WALK: April 30 at First Christian Church, 1314 SW Park Ave., Portland starting at 1:30 PM. This year, 25% of funds raised will benefit the local work of NE Emergency Food Program and Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon. The remaining 75% will assist groups around the world, including those who have been displaced in recent years. Registration will take place during coffee fellowship or online. Look for Team Valley at www.crophungerwalk.org/portlandor.

THERE IS STILL TIME to contribute to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. The OGHS Offering is our denomination's primary means of funding the work we undertake to help those in need around the world and here at home. Three agencies will benefit from the collection: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People.

SAVE THE DATE for the 10th Annual "Build a Home • Frame a Future", May 12 at Embassy Suites at Washington Square. Please join us for a free fundraising breakfast or lunch benefiting Willamette West Habitat for Humanity. There are two events to choose from: breakfast, 7:30-8:30 AM (check-in at 7:00 AM) or lunch, 12:00-1:00 PM (check-in at 11:30 AM). RSVP or for more information: 503.844.7606 x101, www.HabitatWest.org/may-fundraiser, HopeHoward@HabitatWest.org.

SUMMER CAMPS AT VALLEY:

- Music & Drama Camp (rising 2nd-8th graders), June 26-30, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM.
- Vacation Bible School (ages 4-11 as of July 17, 2017), July 17-21, 8:45 AM-12:00 PM.
- Arts Exploration Camp (rising 1st-5th graders), July 17-21, 12:00-3:00 PM.

Go to valleycommunity.org to register or for more information.



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

April 23-30, 2017

SUNDAY, April 23

- 9:00 AM Adult Education
- 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 AM Early Coffee
- 10:00 AM Worship
- 10:20 AM Sunday Funday
- 10:20 AM Youth Bible Study
- 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
- 11:00 AM Pastor Ben's Retirement Party
- 4:15 PM New Spirit Ringers
- 5:00 PM Valley Youth Choir

MONDAY, April 24

- 8:00 AM Women's Exercise Group
- 11:30 AM Century Club General Meeting
- 6:00 PM Girl Scout Leaders
- 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop
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- 7:30 PM Scout Pack 592

TUESDAY, April 25

- 10:15 AM Tai Chi Class
- 11:00 AM Staff Luncheon
- 6:30 PM Girl Scouts
- 6:30 PM Mission Endowment Committee

WEDNESDAY, April 26

- 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Women's Exercise Group
- 12:00 PM Senior Adult Luncheon
- 5:00 PM King's Kids Choir

THURSDAY, April 27

- 6:30 PM Pack 592 Meeting
- 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, April 28

- 8:00 AM Women's Exercise
- 10:00 AM Gamble Library Book Group

SATURDAY, April 29

- 9:00 AM Musical Dress Rehearsal

SUNDAY, April 30

Confirmation Sunday

- 9:00 AM Adult Education
- 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir
- 9:30 AM Early Coffee
- 10:00 AM Worship-Spring Musical**
- 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
- 4:15 PM New Spirit Ringers
- 5:00 PM Valley Youth Choir

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

SERVICE OF WORSHIP



APRIL 23, 2017 † 10:00 AM

❖ *Please stand as you are able*

Bold Text is spoken by everyone

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES

From *Psalm 100*

Make a joyful noise, all you people.

Worship God with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

PRELUDE

Aria in e minor

Johann Mattheson

ACOLYTES

Hayden Bach and Katie Craig

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pass and sign the friendship registers in the pew rack near center aisle.

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm

118

This is the day that God has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

Nº 321 (purple hymnal), Nº 442 (blue hymnal)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Jan Bellis-Squires, Liturgist

☪ Silence is kept ☪

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Be glad and rejoice! Grace abounds for everyone.

Thanks be to God!

❖ ALLELUIA, GIVE THANKS N° 240 (purple), N° 106 (blue)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Spread the Good News, o'er all the earth.

Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

❖ THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

(Please greet those around you with words of peace.)

❖ RESPONSE OF PRAISE Simple Gifts

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,

'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,

And when we find ourselves in the place just right,

'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,

To bow and to bend we will not be asham'd,

To turn, turn, will be our delight,

'Till by turning, turning, we come 'round right.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Laurel

Cluthe

ANTHEM The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

SCRIPTURE Matthew 1:18-21

New Testament, p. 1

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON Making Room

Ben Paroulek

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Frank Powers, Deacon

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

OFFERTORY

Hark, A Voice Saith, All Are Mortal

J.S.

Bach

❖ Congregation rising, row by row, as ushers pass ❖

❖ DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

N° 606

❖ PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING AND FAREWELL

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

❖ SENDING HYMN

God of the Sparrow

N° 22 (purple), N° 272 (blue)

❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

❖ BENEDICTION RESPONSE The Lord Bless You and Keep You Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned

Thomas Hastings

You are invited to remain seated to conclude worship with the postlude or exit quietly after the benediction.

May God bless you as you worship here today: Touch you, challenge you, heal you, disturb you, direct you to new paths in your unfolding journey. Valley Community Presbyterian Church is a place for Awakening Souls, Sharing Joy, Serving God in Christ, TRANSFORMING LIVES!

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS: we greet you in the name of Jesus Christ! Please fill out a Visitor Card, located in the pew back, and drop it in the Offering Plate when it is passed.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP will be hosted by the Starfish Mariner Group upstairs in Davis Hall/Gym after worship. Coffee, tea, juice, conversation!

HELP CELEBRATE PASTOR BEN PAROULEK! Join us as we celebrate Pastor Ben Paroulek's retirement in Davis Hall/Gym following worship today.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS next Sunday, April 30 at 9:00 AM in Armitage Hall. We will discuss the chapter entitled "Self-giving love according to the New Testament book of John," thus expanding the New Testament spiritual message of Jesus' crucifixion and examination of its implications.

THE NEXT SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON will be Wednesday, April 26 at noon. Spring has sprung and we are going to celebrate by having a garden party. Plan to join us for a \$5 lunch, fellowship, and an interesting presentation on small container gardening. Bring a friend as we learn about the latest trends in gardening!

THE LIBRARY BOOK GROUP will meet on April 28 at 10:00 AM in the Fireside Room. The book for discussion is Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond. The author takes us into the poorest neighborhoods of Milwaukee to tell the story of eight families on the edge. All are welcome, and we especially welcome new people to join in the lively and fun discussions.

THE CHILDREN'S MUSICAL IS SUNDAY, APRIL 30 during 10:00 AM worship. The King's Kids Choir will present the musical, "Table for Five Thousand" in worship. This musical tells the miraculous story of Jesus feeding a crowd of over 5,000 people with five loaves of bread and two fish. Let the voices of children inspire you!

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY is April 30. Our nine high school confirmands and their mentors have been all over the city, experiencing various faith communities in worship and cultural events. They have discussed faith in all aspects of life, have studied the Bible, and it is now time to honor those who have decided to be confirmed and join Valley as church members, honoring their baptismal vows. Please join us at 10:00 AM worship on April 30 for this special ceremony. A reception in Davis Hall/Gym will follow.

PLEASE NOTE: The church office will be closed for a staff luncheon from 11:00 AM-1:30 PM on Tuesday, April 25.