

THE VALLEY BOOK GROUP will meet on Friday, July 28, in the Fireside Room at 10:00 am to discuss *My Grandmother Asked Me To Tell You She's Sorry*, by Fredrik Backman, who also wrote the best seller, *A Man Called Ove*. This novel tells the story of a seven year old girl who meets a variety of unusual people as she fulfills her beloved grandmother's last wish to deliver a series of letters apologizing to the people she has wronged. All who have read the book are invited to bring their own coffee and join in the thoughtful discussion.

THANK YOU for sending your check of \$32 for the 2017 Per Capita (for wider church expenses) for each Valley member. Go to: oga.pcusa.org/percapita for more information.

THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S CREATION is all around us. Share flowers with others by signing up on the Flower Calendar for one Sunday this summer - honor an anniversary, birthday, or loved one. Questions? Ask Pat Bryant.

VALLEY CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL is now enrolling for the 2017-2018 school year. VCP is a nurturing learning environment for 2, 3, and 4 year olds. For more information, contact Anne Scarce, Director, at 503.292.3537 x146, anne@valleycommunity.org, www.valleychristianpreschool.com.

EYEGASSES AND HEARING AIDS: Thank you for donating to the Yellow Box in the stairwell to Davis Hall. Keep bringing your old prescription glasses and aids; these are taken to Third World Countries and distributed to those who need help seeing.

DO YOU HAVE YOUR NAME BADGE YET? Wear your name badge on Sundays to welcome visitors, meet new members and identify long-time members and friends. You may order yours with a strong magnet or pin. Request forms are available on the church office counter for new or replacement name badges.



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK July 23-30, 2017		
SUNDAY, July 23 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:30 AM Early Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM All Church Picnic	WEDNESDAY, July 26 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM Women's Exercise Group 7:00 PM Open Gym for Youth	SUNDAY, July 30 Middle School City Camp 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:30 AM Early Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
MONDAY, July 24 8:00 AM Women's Exercise Group 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop	THURSDAY, July 27 2:00 PM West Slope Library Summer Reading Program	
TUESDAY, July 25 10:15 AM Tai Chi Class 11:00 AM Staff Meeting	FRIDAY, July 28 8:00 AM Women's Exercise 10:00 AM Gamble Library Book Group	



LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 30
Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



SERVICE OF WORSHIP



JULY 23, 2017 ✠ 10:00 AM
 ❖ *Please stand as you are able*
Bold Text is spoken by everyone

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

SCRIPTURE FOR GATHERING from *Colossians 1:15-17*
 [Christ] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

PRELUDE *Sonata* Domenico Scarlatti

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
 High School Mission Trip Thank You

Please pass and sign the friendship folders.

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP**
 The world belongs to God,
the earth and all its people.
 How good it is, how wonderful,
to live together in unity.
 Love and faith come together,
justice and peace join hands.
 If Christ's disciples keep silent
these stones would shout aloud.
 Open our lips, O God,
and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

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.

AN OPEN NURSERY ROOM for infants-3 year olds is available in room 7 behind the sanctuary on Sundays, 9:45-11:15 AM. Audio of the worship service is available to listen to in the Nursery room.

PLEASE WELCOME GUEST SOLOIST, Angela Niederloh, who has been acclaimed by the New York Times as, "a charismatic mezzo soprano". Angela is happy to be back in her hometown of Portland, Oregon where she was last seen in The Rake's Progress, Falstaff, Così fan tutte, La Cenerentola, La Calisto, Il viaggio a Rheims, and Die Zauberflöte with Portland Opera. Other operatic houses and symphony orchestras include performances with the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, San Francisco Opera Orchestra, Houston Grand Opera, Seattle Symphony, Music of Remembrance, Camarata Pacifica, Oregon Symphony, Boston Baroque Orchestra, Olympia Symphony Orchestra, New York Festival of Song, Aspen Festival Orchestra, Portland Baroque Orchestra, Columbia Symphony and Portland Chamber Orchestra.

THE ALL CHURCH PICNIC IS TODAY! This year the theme is *Galactic Starveyors*, following the adventures that were enjoyed by all during VBS the week before. Get ready for good food and refreshing beverages, great fellowship and games for everyone to enjoy! Chicken will be provided for everyone, both fried and roasted, as well as lemonade and cold water. Join us on the front lawn after worship!

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS next Sunday, July 30 at 9:00 AM in Armitage Hall. Although the community aspect of our religion has received less formal discussion, it is at the heart of Christian history and practice. Borg's discussion raises the question of the role of community in Christian life today. This involves not just praying, but participation in the acts of living. Likewise, the purpose of the Christian community is participation in God's purposes, realizing that the phrase "that God so loved the world" expresses God's love for the practices of justice, love and caring for the well-being of both human and non-human life. "Loving God and our neighbors" is the bed rock of the Law, but all too often is "marginalized". We put limits on our care of the sick, the hungry and the outcast. Life in Christ involves our obligation to the broader human family.

THE NEXT RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE is Tuesday, August 15, 2:00-7:00 PM. Please contact Jim Sandberg for more information.

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

OFFERTORY *How Far Love Goes* Marino & Johnson

VBS Singers; Greg Russell, accompanist

❖ *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.*

❖ PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

VBS PRESENTATION & SLIDESHOW

❖ CLOSING HYMN *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*
Nº 839 (purple), Nº 341 (blue)

❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Polonaise (Op. 40, No. 1)* Fryderyck Chopin

You are invited to remain seated to conclude worship with the postlude.

❖ OPENING HYMN *Earth and All Stars!*
Nº 26 (purple hymnal), Nº 458 (blue hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Andrea Murdoch, Liturgist

☸ *Silence is kept* ☸

❖ KYRIE *"Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy"*
Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison.
Christe, Christe, eleison. Christe, Christe, eleison.
Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison... eleison.

❖ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS
Be glad and rejoice! Grace abounds for everyone.
Thanks be to God!

❖ THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

❖ *Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.* ❖

❖ RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Spirit of the Living God*
Nº 288 (purple), Nº 322(blue)
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH Cheryl Hoffbeck

SOLO ANTHEM *O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings* Händel
Angela Niederloh, Mezzo-soprano

SCRIPTURE *John 1:9-14* New Testament, p. 91

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE SCRIPTURE *Genesis 28:10-19a* Old Testament, p. 25

MESSAGE *Dust of the Earth* The Rev. Jeff Binder

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!***