

DINING FOR WOMEN will feature the non-profit group, READ Global, today at 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room. READ stands for Rural Education and Development. This organization is in Bhutan, a country half the size of Indiana where only 58% of the women are literate. READ Centers serve as platforms for social and economic transformation. All are invited to learn about this innovative organization and let your “dining out” dollars contribute to their grant request.

A BUILDING USE ORIENTATION MEETING will be held Saturday, September 2 from 10:00-11:00 AM for all who use the church building for meetings or events. In order to continue to use the facility, a representative from each group must attend this meeting. If you are unable to do so, please contact the church office to inquire about a separate orientation time.

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.

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.

HAVE YOU HEARD about our new MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) program being developed here at Valley? Do you know any young mothers who might benefit from our group? Valley is sponsoring a brand new chapter who will meet in the mornings on the third Wednesday of each month beginning in September in the Youth House. Please contact Kay Hope Gold at children@valleycommunity.org for more information.



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK		
August 20-27, 2017		
SUNDAY, August 20 9:30 AM Early Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Dining for Women Meeting	TUESDAY, August 22 10:15 AM Tai Chi Class 11:00 AM Staff Meeting WEDNESDAY, August 23 8:00 AM Men’s Bible Study 8:00 AM Women’s Exercise Group 1:00 PM Baird Smith Memorial and Reception 7:00 PM Open Gym for Youth	FRIDAY, August 25 8:00 AM Women’s Exercise 10:00 AM Gamble Library Book Group SUNDAY, August 27 9:30 AM Early Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
MONDAY, August 21 8:00 AM Women’s Exercise Group 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop		



LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 27
Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20



SERVICE OF WORSHIP



AUGUST 20, 2017 ✠ 10:00 AM

❖ *Please stand as you are able*

Bold Text is spoken by everyone

GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

PRELUDE *Hymn Sing* Valley Congregation

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pass and sign the friendship folders.

ACOLYTES

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP** *from UKirk Worship Resource*

Lord, we come here with lots of things on our minds.

But now we turn our focus to you.

Help us to put aside our busyness and schedules.

Replace our worry with peace.

Guide us as we worship.

Give us the ability to sing, pray, and learn more about you, O God.

❖ **OPENING HYMN** *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* No 438

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Diane Meyer, Liturgist

We bless you, Holy God, with everything we have. We bless your holy name.

You are the God who forgives us, redeems us, heals us. You are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and full of love. As far as the east is from the west, so far do you remove sin from us.

Sins for which we can't forgive ourselves, sins for which others cannot forgive us.

Forgive us, Lord, and show us how to forgive.

Free us from the things that get in the way—of our relationship with others, with ourselves, and with you. Cast out our sin and enter into our lives, that we might be your people grounded in love, grace, humility, and peace.

☪ *Silence is kept* ☪

❖ KYRIE *"Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy"*

6 Ky - ri - e Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e

12 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chr - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e

18 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

24 son. E - le - i - son.

❖ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

By grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing; it is nothing less than God's gift for God's people! Believe this good news! We have been saved. We have been redeemed. We have been forgiven.

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.

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

❖ RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* (verse 1) N^o 729

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Rev. Jeff Binder

CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

SOLO ANTHEM

Be Thou Faithful Unto Death
Luke Smith, Tenor

Mendelssohn

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:15-22

New Testament, p. 193

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE SCRIPTURE

Matthew 15:21-28

New Testament, p. 17

MESSAGE

Compassion

Rev. Jeff Binder

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jim Sandberg, Deacons

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

❖ HYMN OF RESPONSE

I Love to Tell the Story

N^o 462

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.

❖ PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

❖ CLOSING HYMN

Guide My Feet

N^o 741

❖ CHARGE & BLESSING

May our ears hear the cries of the unwanted,

may our eyes see the wounds of the sick,

may our hearts break for the brokenhearted, may our minds remember the lost.

But above all, may our lives be lived as a response to God's gracious love for us.

Go now to live out your part in the body of Christ.

POSTLUDE

Rejoice, The Lord is King!

Sidney Nicholson

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

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.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP will be hosted by the Sandberg and Busch families upstairs in Davis Hall/Gym after worship. Coffee, tea, juice, conversation!

THE ADULT EDUCATION CLASS will take a break until September when we will feature Marcus Borg's series, "Speaking Christian: Redeeming Christian Language."

THE MISSION COMMITTEE is partnering with the Project Back program to help provide backpacks of food for school children to take home over the weekends. The committee is asking for sturdy, new/gently used backpacks that can hold 15-20 lbs of food.

SAVE THE DATE: Valley is hosting the 2nd Annual Luke Dorf Ice Cream Social on August 27. We will meet in the east parking lot at 12:30 PM and carpool to their house location on SW 121st. We should be back to Valley by 3:00 PM. This was a fun event in 2016! We met and socialized with about 15 staff and residents. If you would like to join us, please let Christine Danner or Andrea Murdoch know.

THE LIBRARY BOOK GROUP will meet Friday, August 25 in the Fireside Room at 10:00 AM to discuss ***Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*** by J. D. Vance. This book follows Vance's life story from his impoverished childhood in Appalachia to his graduation from law school and finally to his return to his roots to try to help others break out of the poverty cycle in this area of America. All are welcome to bring their own coffee and listen to or join in the discussion of this thought-provoking book.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Fridays during the month of August.

Sermon Notes:

Today's sermon theme is on the topic of:

One thing I will remember from today's sermon is:

(Please be sure to share with Pastor Jeff if you like!)