

MISSION TRIP RECAP SEPTEMBER 24: The Valley youth have had a busy summer! Twelve of our high school students spent July 9-15 in Los Angeles, CA serving the homeless population in collaboration with The DOOR organization. At City Camp, nine of our middle school students served many local organizations in Portland the week of July 31-August 3. All are welcome to hear first-hand from our youth about their mission trip experiences during worship on September 24.

ATTENTION KIDS: Bring your backpacks to Valley on Sunday, September 24 for “The Blessing of the Backpacks” during worship. We will be making personalized key rings for Valley’s Kids as well as Project BACK during our Sunday Funday art projects in the next few weeks.

HAPPINESS IS A NEW JIGSAW PUZZLE! Does your family enjoy jigsaw puzzles? Everyone is welcome to enjoy our new jigsaw puzzle exchange program! Bring in a jigsaw puzzle that you have previously enjoyed and exchange it for one on the shelves in the Sunday School wing of the church.

TO REQUEST A FAVORITE HYMN to be sung during worship, contact David Jimerson at david@valleycommunity.org.

TAI CHI CLASS: Come enjoy the gentle, flowing movements of tai chi - a great way to practice balance, build strength, and improve flexibility. Join us Tuesdays, 10:15-11:15 AM, beginning September 19. Questions? Contact Diane Harris, dianeharris@mac.com, 503.805.6011.

MISSION ENDOWMENT APPLICATIONS DUE OCTOBER 1: The Fall application deadline for grants from Valley’s Mission Endowment Fund is October 1. Mission Endowment Committee members review applications from both organizations and individuals, whether secular or church-related, local, national or international.



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

September 10-17, 2017

SUNDAY, September 10 Fall Kick Off 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Early Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Ministry Fair MONDAY, September 11 8:00 AM Women’s Exercise Group 12:00 PM Safety and Security Meeting 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop	TUESDAY, September 12 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Session WEDNESDAY, September 13 8:00 AM Men’s Bible Study 8:00 AM Women’s Exercise Group 6:30 PM Youth Group THURSDAY, September 14 5:00 PM Worship and Music Committee 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir FRIDAY, September 15 ‘The Messenger’ newsletter deadline 8:00 AM Women’s Exercise Group	SUNDAY, September 17 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Early Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Dining for Women Meeting 2:00 PM Jeannine Bendix Memorial and Reception
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LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

SERVICE OF WORSHIP



SEPTEMBER 10, 2017 ✝ 10:00 AM

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

GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pass and sign the friendship folders.

PRELUDE *When Thou Art Near* J. S. Bach

ACOLYTES

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP**
Lord, today we gather to witness you.
You bring glory to the earth, from the deepest valley to the highest mountain.
Lord, today we gather to listen to you.
You call us to go and bring good news to your people.
Lord, today we gather to praise you.
You invite us to your table and draw us into your presence.
Lord, today we gather to worship you.

❖ **OPENING HYMN** *My Song Forever Shall Record* Nº 67

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Don Sowers, Liturgist

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

- ☸ 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
- ❖ THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!
❖ Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ. ❖

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH Kay Hope Gold

MESSAGE SCRIPTURE Psalm 148 Old Testament, p. 582

¹ Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!
³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.
⁶ He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!
⁹ Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
¹⁰ Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!
¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
¹² Young men and women alike, old and young together!
¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.
¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the Lord!

MESSAGE Praise Rev. Jeff Binder

RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

COMMISSIONING OF EDUCATORS (see insert)

MISSION MOMENT Peace and Global Witness Offering Connie Brenner

CHORAL OFFERTORY My Eternal King Jane Marshall

❖ 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

EUCHARIST

INVITATION
May God be with you.
And also with you.
People of faith, let us offer our prayers of joy and thanksgiving to God.
Let us gladly remember the presence of Christ.
Let us pray.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
THE LORD’S PRAYER Cantor, Jimmy Yohe Malotte
Please join in singing as you are able

BREAKING THE BREAD & FILLING THE CUP
COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE
PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

❖ CLOSING HYMN Alleluia! Sing to Jesus N^o 260

❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Come, Christians, Join to Sing arr. Albert Travis
(Words of hymn N^o 267)

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 Valley Deacons in the Youth House after worship. Coffee, tea, juice, conversation!

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER will be celebrated today. Please come forward, as you are able, as ushers direct. Take the bread, dip it *lightly* into the cup and consume it. If you choose not to dip, you may eat the bread, take a small cup and drink. Leave the cup in the basket provided. Return to your pew via the outside aisles. If you are unable to come forward, a server will offer the elements to you in your pew. Gluten-free bread is available in a red cup.

THE ADULT EDUCATION CLASS will meet at 9:00 AM on Sunday, September 17 in Armitage Hall. In Rev. Borg’s DVD “Speaking Christian,” he states that Christian language is often misunderstood by current society. Oregon has lower church attendance than any other state. However, the concept of Biblical inerrancy is prevalent. Salvation is currently considered to have an end of life emphasis. Borg contends that salvation has a stronger meaning in the context of transformation of ourselves, our lives and societies in the current world. All are welcome to join this discussion!

PRODUCE TABLE: Our gardens are erupting with all sorts of wonderful green things! Please bring your garden goodies to the weekly Produce Table during coffee fellowship to share with other Valley members and friends. While there, take a look and see if something entices you for your next meal as you donate some cash towards the Oregon Food Bank.

“EXCELLENCE IN ALL THINGS, AND ALL THINGS TO THE GLORY OF GOD.” Perhaps it is time to consider offering your talent by singing in the Sanctuary Choir here at Valley. We rehearse Thursday evenings from 7:15-9:00 PM and offer music in most worship services September through June. Please speak with David Jimerson after worship or via email at david@valleycommunity.org.

YOUTH GROUP/PARENT MEETING September 13 from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Youth House. We will share a pizza dinner, a parent vs. youth game, and fall program information from 6:30-7:30 PM. The youth will then have their own fun from 7:30-8:30 PM.