

EQUAL EXCHANGE PRODUCTS (organic and fairly-traded) will be available for purchase in the gym after worship today. Coffee, tea, Palestinian olive oil and chocolate will be available. Help support small producers in developing areas!

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. Email missionendowment@valleycommunity.org for an application or go to our website.

FINAL CHANCE TO SIGN UP ONLINE for our new church pictorial directory! Dates available are

October 3-6. Go to: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yddqb194/>.

THE WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY will begin this year on Tuesday, October 9 at 11:00 AM in the office Conference Room and will meet each second Tuesday until June. This year’s study is “God’s Promise: I Am With You.” The study will follow the theme of God’s promise to be with us in good times and bad and to never forsake us, through examples in the Old and New Testaments. Study books will be available in the church office for \$10.

ON OCTOBER 20, Presbyterian Women in the Cascades Presbytery will have their Fall Gathering at Valley. The theme for the Gathering is “Becoming the Beloved Community: People of Faith working toward eradicating racism.” Save the date! Registration forms are available in the church office.

SOUP KITCHEN extends a big THANK YOU to our September 20 meal preparers: Kathy Bach, Ann Johnson, and Carolyn Reed. Preston Russell, Director of Youth Ministries, and Valley Youth members Dylan Blair and Anthony Graham delivered and served the meal with Jim Sandberg’s guidance.

Valley Staff

Jeff Binder..... Pastor
 Chuck Falconer and Jenny Hale Pastoral Associates
 David Jimerson Minister of Music
 Bob Hinson Organist/Pianist
 Donna Carlson Director of Children’s Ministry
 Preston Russell Director of Youth Ministry
 Amy Rheingans Director of Youth & Children’s Music
 Anne Searce Preschool Director
 Angela Graham Publication & Office Administrator
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 Alex Mendoza Building Custodian

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

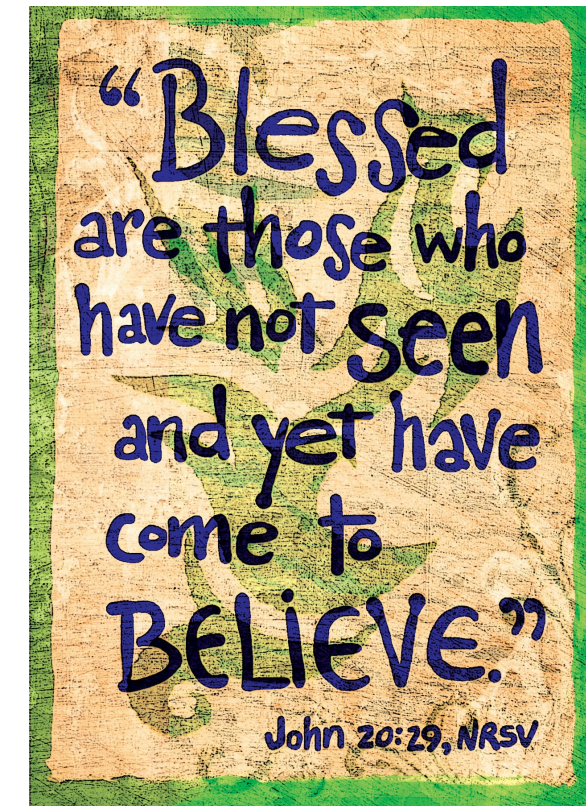
September 30-October 7, 2018

<p>SUNDAY, September 30 9:00 AM Adult Education 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Youth Musical Rehearsal 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time</p> <p>MONDAY, October 1 7:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:30 PM Boy Scouts 592 7:30 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p>TUESDAY, October 2 10:15 AM Tai Chi Class 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 PM Christian Nurture for Children Meeting 6:30 PM Christian Nurture for Youth Meeting</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, October 3 Lifetouch Photo Sessions 8:00 AM Men’s Bible Study 5:00 PM Cherub Choir 5:00 PM King’s Kids Choir 6:00 PM Royal Ringers 6:30 PM Middle School Youth 6:30 PM Pack 592 Den Mtg. 7:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Korean Church Bible Study 7:30 PM Pack 592 Den Mtg.</p>	<p>THURSDAY, October 4 Lifetouch Photo Sessions 7:00 PM High School Youth 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>FRIDAY, October 5 Lifetouch Photo Sessions</p> <p>SATURDAY, October 6 Lifetouch Photo Sessions</p> <p>SUNDAY, October 7 9:00 AM Adult Education 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Youth Musical Rehearsal 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time</p>
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Building Improvement Campaign Update
 (As of August 27, 2018)

Total 3-year pledges	\$500,671
Pledges received - 84%	\$422,385
Outstanding pledges	\$78,286
Non-pledges received	\$93,066

SERVICE OF WORSHIP



SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 † 10:00 AM

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

GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
 Please pass and sign the friendship folders.

PRELUDE *Adagio* Tommaso Albinoni

ACOLYTES Macy Vermillion and Sophie Vermillion

❖ WORDS OF PRAISE *All Who Are Thirsty*

All who are thirsty,
All who are weak;
 Come to the fountain;
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
 Let the pain and the sorrow,
Be washed away.
 In the wave of his mercy,
As deep cries out to deep,
Come Lord Jesus, come.

❖ OPENING HYMN *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

OPENING PRAYER

Olivia Hoffbeck, liturgist

Give me the strength that waits upon you in silence and peace. Give me humility in which alone is rest, and deliver me from pride which is the heaviest of burdens. And possess my whole heart and soul with the simplicity of love. Occupy my whole life with the one thought and the one desire of love; that I may love not for the sake of merit, not for the sake of perfection, not for the sake of virtue, not for the sake of sanctity, but for you alone. Amen.

☪ Silence is kept ☪

❖ CONFESSONAL RESPONSE *Lord, Have Mercy upon Us* Nº 575
Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

❖ 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.* ❖

❖ RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Alleluia!* Nº 587

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH Preston Russell and Youth

ANTHEM *Hallelujah, Amen* Handel

SCRIPTURE *John 20:19-31* New Testament, p. 115

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE *Seeing is Believing?* Rev. Jeff Binder

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

❖ HYMN OF RESPONSE *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* Nº 834

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from UKirk Resource

We cannot physically see Jesus in the room.

We cannot actually touch his hands and feet.

And yet, Jesus is here, among us.

The risen Lord lives in and through us.

After he spoke to his disciples, Jesus lifted up his hands and blessed them.

In doing that, he also blesses us.

As his people, we respond in the same way they did:

with praise, with joy, and with a willingness to tell people about Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Jeff Binder

THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.35 in the hymnal)

OFFERTORY

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Charles Gabriel

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

❖ DOXOLOGY

Nº 606

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

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF MINISTRY WITH ANGELA GRAHAM

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

❖ CLOSING HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus

Nº 630

❖ CHARGE & BLESSING

Go out into the world to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Soon and very Soon

Andrae Crouch

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

As I think about Jesus, an analogy from Karl Barth comes to mind.

A man stands by a window gazing into the street.

Outside, people are shading their eyes with their hands and looking

up into the sky. Because of the overhang of the building though,

the man cannot see what it is they are pointing toward.

We who live two thousand years after Jesus have a viewpoint not

unlike the man standing by the window.

We hear the shouts of exclamation. We study the gestures and words

in the Gospels and the many books they have spawned.

Yet no amount of neck-craning will allow us

a glimpse of Jesus in the flesh.

(The Jesus I Never Knew, Philip Yancey, p.18)

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 Deacons upstairs in Davis Hall/Gym. Coffee, tea, juice, conversation!

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS: Join us for a study based on the scripture lessons in the Gospel of John and the Book of Acts that were studied by our children during Vacation Bible School in July. Valerie Conner, who led the children through this content, will facilitate our adult review. This is a unique opportunity to look more deeply into what our children learned this summer, and hopefully enable intergenerational communication this fall! We meet from 9:00-9:50 AM Sunday mornings in Armitage Hall.

ON WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY (October 7), Valley will participate in the Peace and Global Witness special offering (formally Peacemaking Offering) which helps support our denomination's efforts to bring justice, reconciliation, transformation, unity and peace to our world in these divisive times. 25% of the offering received at Valley will be retained here to support Valley's efforts to support ministries working to bring people to Christ's table of peace.

RIDES TO CHURCH NEEDED: Imagine having attended regular Sunday morning services at Valley for many years and suddenly finding yourself cut off from your church family because you can no longer drive. The Deacons of Valley are seeking people who are willing to provide rides to church for members who have found themselves in this situation. Please contact Cathy Bernhard (503.292.9413) for further information on the names and addresses of these people who are so eager to reconnect with Valley.

THANK YOU to all who have completed pledges to the Building Improvement Capital Campaign! There is evidence in and around our building of projects completed. The remaining project is the upgrade of our restrooms to meet ADA guidelines. Plans are drawn and budget determined for this last project by the amount of pledges, please prayerfully consider giving before the end of 2018. Let's have an updated building in early 2019!

BREAD FOR THE WOLD BAKERS are needed to bring goodies on Sunday, October 21. This advocacy group "crunches the numbers" to let those in Congress know what their votes will do to the people of America and around the World when social issues are on the "cutting block." Our membership status is funded by the bake sale, so shop on October 21!