

LENTEN PRAYER OPPORTUNITY: The Deacons are providing an opportunity for extended prayers for congregational members and others on the Sundays during Lent (March 10 – April 14.) A Deacon will meet briefly following the Postlude in the Prayer Room (to the left of the pulpit) with anyone who would like to participate in this activity. A purple Lenten Prayer Form is available in all the pews and will be collected during the offering so that the prayer group will have guidance as they pray.

SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY E-BLAST AND MONTHLY E-MESSENGER: Visit www.valleycommunity.org to find the green box at the bottom right of the front page. There you may enter your email address to subscribe. Links to the previous Sunday's sermon as well as the upcoming bulletin and announcements are available in the weekly e-blast which is sent out on Fridays. You can unsubscribe at any time.

LENT AND EASTER AT VALLEY

- **Palm Sunday, April 14:** Children are invited to walk in the Palm Processional. Arrive at 9:30 AM to practice. A simple breakfast will be offered.
- **Maundy Thursday, April 18:** A light meal will be served at 6:00 PM. Following the meal, we will remain in Davis Hall/Gym to celebrate the Lord's Last Supper in scripture and music.
- **Good Friday, April 19:** The sanctuary will be open from 12:00-7:00 PM to view the Stations of the Cross and for personal reflection. A short service will be offered at 6:00 PM.
- **Community Easter Egg Hunt and Earth Day Activities, April 20 - 10:00 AM:** All children welcome! Pre-registration appreciated to anticipate the number and ages of children. See website for details.
- **Easter Sunday, April 21 - 10:00 AM:** Adult, youth, and children's choirs will sing. Easter activities for all ages afterwards.

Valley Community Presbyterian Church Staff

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

8060 SW Brentwood Street, Portland, Oregon 97225
 503.292.3537 www.valleycommunity.org

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

March 24-31, 2019

SUNDAY, March 24 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Canoeing the Mountains Class 11:30 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time	TUESDAY, March 26 10:15 AM Tai Chi Class 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 4:00 PM Girl Scouts	SUNDAY, March 31 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Canoeing the Mountains Class 11:30 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time
MONDAY, March 25 7:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Troop 592 Parent Mtg 7:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Girl Scouts	WEDNESDAY, March 27 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics 5:00 PM King's Kids 6:00 PM Middle School Youth 7:00 PM Canoeing the Mountains Class	THURSDAY, March 28 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir
	FRIDAY, March 29 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics	

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR ADULT GIVING

(Through February 28, 2018)

	Year to Date		
	Annual	Budget	Actual
Pledged	\$409,600	\$47,554	\$57,561
Non-pledge	\$55,050	\$9,175	\$6,872
Total	\$464,650	\$56,729	\$64,433

SERVICE OF WORSHIP



A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it ...

LUKE 13:6, NRSV

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 24, 2019 † 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

For Me to Live Is Christ

Johann Pachelbel

ACOLYTES

Paige Bedsaul and Claire Bedsaul

❖ WORDS OF PRAISE

Psalm 63

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live;

I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

❖ OPENING HYMN

Lift High the Cross

No 826

OPENING PRAYER

Ron Leland, Liturgist

God of mercy,

you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

☸ *Silence is kept* ☸

❖ CONFSSIONAL RESPONSE *Holy Lamb of God* N^o 602

❖ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS & 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 *Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)* N^o 581

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Donna Carlson

SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:1-9

New Testament, p. 76

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

Stainer

MESSAGE

Our Spiritual Journey: Repentance

Rev. Jeff Binder

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

❖ HYMN OF RESPONSE *Hear the Good News of Salvation* N^o 441

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Who made the heavens and the earth? Who gave to everything its place?

Who calls us each by name?

God the Everlasting. God the Creator. God, whose strength knows no bounds, whose understanding is beyond comprehension. God, who strengthens the weak and empowers the powerless.

There will be those days and nights when we will want to give up and turn away from everything.

But when those times come, we wait. We wait. And we believe. And we hope. Because God the Everlasting, God the Creator, whose strength knows no bounds and whose understanding is beyond comprehension, will lift us up. And we will fly with wings like eagles. We will run and not be weary. We will walk and not faint.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Jeff Binder

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

OFFERTORY

Have Mercy Upon Me, O Lord

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^o 606

❖ PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

❖ CLOSING HYMN

O Lord My God

N^o 625

❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Voluntary

Roger Wilson

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



Parable of the barren fig tree.

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 Navigators Mariner Group upstairs in Davis Hall/Gym. Enjoy coffee, tea, juice, and conversation!

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS in Armitage Hall on Sundays at 9:00 AM. Join us for a new series, facilitated by our very own Brad Carlson. Brad is an experienced Christian educator and will be using our new DVD *Covenant Bible Study* as a guide. This is open for all ages every Sunday morning.

VALLEY KIDS in 1st through 5th grade and our middle school kids are invited to music time in Armitage Hall after Time with the Young Church. Sunday School will then follow in Room 16. Parents may pick up their children from Room 16 at any time.

APRIL 1 is the Spring application deadline for grants from Valley's Mission Endowment Fund. **No applications will be accepted after the deadline.** Contact missionendowment@valleycommunity.org, visit the church office, or go to the church website, www.valleycommunity.org, for a grant application.

CANOING THE MOUNTAINS: Just like Lewis and Clark discovered a new world of the west, all are invited to a stimulating conversation on re-discovering the uncharted territory of Christianity in the 21st Century! 'Canoeing the Mountains' will be a four class series beginning after worship today that will use the same-titled book to help give language to a society and a world of spirituality that is altogether unique to this time and place. Read the book ahead of time if you like; however, it is not required reading for the class. There will be a few copies of the book available in the church office for you to borrow and share should you choose. Please note that there are two separate offerings for each class: Sundays after worship, OR Wednesdays at 7:00 PM each week.

UPDATED PHOTO DIRECTORIES ARE HERE! If you had a photo taken last year, please pick up your copy after worship today. The directory is also available online at valleycommunity.org.

COOKBOOK CORRECTIONS: We are aware that there have been some errors in our church cookbook and would like to do what we can to make these corrections. If you found an error in a submitted recipe, please indicate on paper your name, recipe with the correction, and page number. You may email or bring in the correction to the church office or give them to Claudia Askew by March 31. A corrected list will then be distributed shortly thereafter.