

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.

COOKBOOK CORRECTIONS: We are aware that there are some errors in our church cookbook and we 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.

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, donna@valleycommunity.org. See website for more details.
- **Easter Sunday, April 21 - 10:00 AM:** Adult, youth, and children's choirs will sing. Easter activities for all ages afterwards.

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

March 31-April 7, 2019

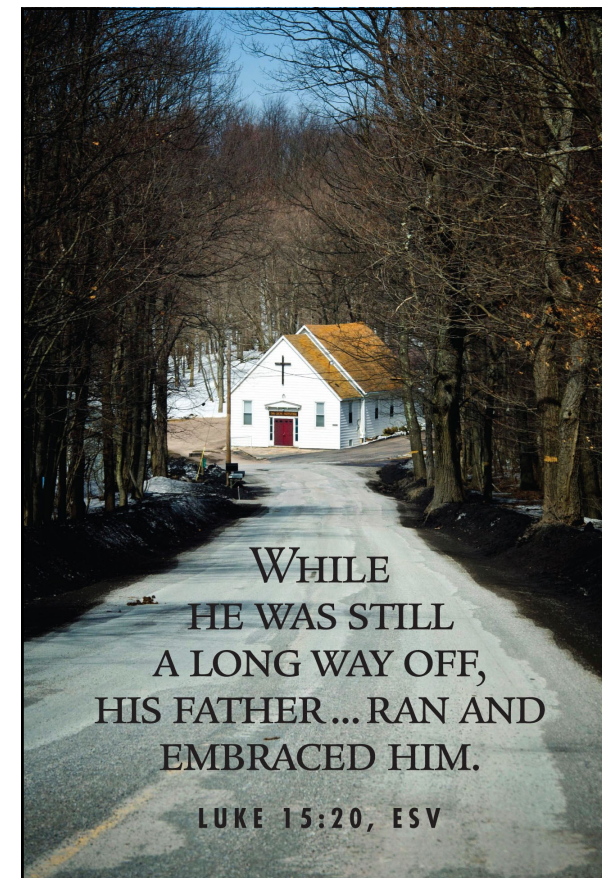
SUNDAY, March 31 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:00 AM Session Meeting 11:30 AM Canoeing the Mountains Class 11:30 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time	TUESDAY, April 2 10:15 AM Tai Chi Class 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 4:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:00 PM Scout Leadership Training 6:30 PM Christian Nurture for Children Meeting 6:30 PM Christian Nurture for Youth Meeting	FRIDAY, April 5 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
MONDAY, April 1 1:30 AM Mission Committee 7:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Troop 592 Parent Mtg 7:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:30 PM PDX Highland Games	WEDNESDAY, April 3 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics 9:00 AM Personnel Comm. 5:00 PM King's Kids 6:00 PM Middle School Youth 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Live 7:00 PM Canoeing the Mountains Class	SATURDAY, April 6 12:00 PM Jean McDowell Memorial and Reception
	THURSDAY, April 4 7:00 PM High School Youth 7:00 PM PDX Vox 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir	SUNDAY, April 7 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:00 AM Mariners Meeting 11:30 AM Canoeing the Mountains Class 11:30 AM Membership Comm. 11:30 AM Youth Choir 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time

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



VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 31, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT Charade Moment for Mission Andrea Murdoch

PRELUDE Be Still, My Soul Sibelius/Pethel

ACOLYTES Faith Bridges and Turner Sanderman

❖ WORDS OF PRAISE Psalm 32
 Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
 Let us worship our God!

❖ OPENING HYMN Dear Lord and Father of Mankind Nº 169

OPENING PRAYER

Karen Sandberg, Liturgist

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

☪ *Silence is kept* ☪

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

❖ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS & PEACE

The Psalmist continues...

...and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

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 15:11-32

New Testament, p. 78

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs
(from *Messiah*)

Händel

MESSAGE

Our Spiritual Journey: Gospel

Rev. Jeff Binder

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

❖ HYMN OF RESPONSE *I Will Come to You* N^o 177

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Jeff Binder

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

OFFERTORY

The Shepherd Psalm

Gilbert Martin

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

❖ DOXOLOGY

N^o 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

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

❖ CLOSING HYMN *To God Be the Glory* N^o 634

❖ CHARGE & BLESSING

based on *Ephesians 2:8*

For by grace...

For by grace we have been saved through faith...

...and this is not our own doing;

...not our own doing; it is the gift of God...

...the gift of God.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

Let All Things Their Creator Bless

Alfred Fedak

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.

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: All are invited for a conversation on congregational leadership in the 21st Century. No need to read the book! Please note that there are two separate offerings for each class: Sundays at 11:30 AM, OR Wednesdays at 7:00 PM each week. This is week three of four. Please join us!

SOUP KITCHEN THANKS: Many thanks to Kathy Bach, Karen Miller, and Jean Sowers, who prepared the March 21 Soup Kitchen meal, and to Elaine and Bill Rea, along with Dakota, who delivered and served the meal at Bud Clark Commons.

ORDER LILIES FOR EASTER: Lilies will grace the sanctuary on Easter. If you would like to order a lily in honor or memory of a loved one, you may make a donation of \$15 for each lily ordered. Please indicate "lilies" on your check with the name you wish to honor, and place the envelope in the offering plate, or send it to the church office. Names will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Donations and names must be in the office by Monday, April 15.

GARDEN PLANTS AND BASKET SALE: For the second year, the youth are working with the New Leaf nursery to offer a variety of garden plants and lovely hanging baskets for sale. The youth will have a table set up during coffee fellowship on April 7 and 14. Plants will be delivered on May 5 in time for Mother's Day. A portion of proceeds will go directly into the Youth Spiritual Formation Fund. Contact Carolyn Reed if you have questions, carolyn.c.reed@outlook.com.