

IF YOU MISSED THE WALL O’ MONEY at the pancake breakfast, it will be up through Graduate Sunday, May 19. How does it work? You pick an envelope off the wall with an amount you are interested in donating, put the donation inside, and turn it in to the church office. All funds will go to the Youth Spiritual Formation Fund. Thank you for supporting our youth! Questions? Email Carolyn Reed at carolyn.c.reed@outlook.com.

**DINING FOR WOMEN** supports another amazing nonprofit on May 26, 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room. (Please note that this is the 4th Sunday of the month.) Razia’s Ray of Hope improves the lives of young women and girls through community-based education in a rural district of Afghanistan. Join us for a potluck lunch and help change the world one donation at a time!

**SUMMER MUSICAL CAMP** will feature the play, “Aladdin and the Magic Lamp,” the classic tale of a poor boy who is granted wishes from a magic lamp. Campers will enjoy drama games, hone their acting and singing skills, and form new friendships as they work together to put on a play in just five days: June 24-28, from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM daily. Go to the children’s page on our website for a registration form and more information or contact Amy Rheingans at amy@valleycommunity.org.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Vacation Bible School is July 8-12. Registration details to follow. Would you like to be a part of all the fun? We would love to have you! Volunteer spots are available. Contact Donna Carlson at donna@valleycommunity.org if you are able to help out!

**BRING IN ITEMS FOR BABIES** newborn to three months during the month of May for the Letty Owings Center. All new items: diapers, rattles, carriers, blankets, etc. may be placed in the marked bin by the Fireside Room. Come and see what we have collected so far during coffee fellowship on Sundays in May.

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK		
May 19-26, 2019		
<b>SUNDAY, May 19</b> <b>Graduate Sunday</b> 9:00 AM Adult Education 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal <b>10:00 AM Worship</b> 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Membership Class 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time 7:00 PM Scout Venture Crew <b>MONDAY, May 20</b> <b>‘The Messenger’ Deadline</b> 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 7:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:30 PM Troop 592 Parent Mtg 7:30 PM Boy Scouts	<b>TUESDAY, May 21</b> 10:15 AM Tai Chi Class 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Deacons <b>WEDNESDAY, May 22</b> 8:00 AM Men’s Bible Study 8:00 AM Women’s Aerobics 6:00 PM Youth Group <b>THURSDAY, May 23</b> 5:30 PM Faber Institute Night School for Deeper Learning 6:30 PM Pack 592 Parent Mtg. 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir <b>FRIDAY, May 24</b> 8:00 AM Women’s Aerobics 10:00 AM Gamble Library Book Group	<b>SUNDAY, May 26</b> 9:00 AM Adult Education 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal <b>10:00 AM Worship</b> 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Dining for Women 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time

TREASURER’S REPORT FOR ADULT GIVING				
(Through April 30, 2019)				
	Year to Date			
	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Pledged	\$409,600	\$106,803	\$124,145	
Non-pledge	<u>\$55,050</u>	<u>\$18,350</u>	<u>\$16,936</u>	
Total	<u>\$464,650</u>	<u>\$125,153</u>	<u>\$141,081</u>	

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

# “WHO WAS I THAT I COULD HINDER GOD?”

ACTS 11:17, NRSV

MAY 19, 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

Somebody’s Knocking’ At Your Door

Ingram

New Sprit Ringers

ACOLYTES

Elise Jenkins and Aaron Jenkins

❖ WORDS OF PRAISE

Praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!**

Praise him, all his angels; praise God, all his host!

**Praise the Lord, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!**

Praise our God, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

**Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;**

God’s glory is above earth and heaven.

**Praise the Lord!**

❖ OPENING HYMN

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

No 305

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Antonio Rinella, liturgist  
God, our light and salvation, one thing we ask of you, one thing we seek: to dwell in your house as long as we live, so we might behold your beauty, and ask questions in your holy place. Teach us your ways, O God, in ways we can't be taught in the classroom. Lead us on a level path no matter the obstacles we encounter. Send your Spirit to illumine us and enable us to see your goodness through the Word encountering us this day.

☸ Silence is kept ☸

❖ CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE Amen (sung two times) N<sup>o</sup> 600

❖ 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 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (sung two times) N<sup>o</sup> 591

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD  
TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH Donna Carlson

ANTHEM Goin' Up a Yonder Hawkins  
Youth Choir; Soloists: Ariel Derting, Lindsay Kurtz; Greg Russell, piano

SCRIPTURE Acts 11:1-18 New Testament, p. 130  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE Encountering the Risen Christ: Inclusivity Rev. Jeff Binder

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE  
❖ HYMN OF RESPONSE In the Bulb There Is a Flower N<sup>o</sup> 250

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Galatians 3  
Now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to the law; for in Christ Jesus we are all children of God through faith. As many of us that were baptized into Christ have clothed ourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of us are one in Christ Jesus. And if we belong to Christ, then we are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Eric Blair, Youth Elder  
THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY Light the Hallway Pentatonix  
Youth Choir with members of the Sanctuary Choir;  
Soloists: Ariel Derting, Lindsay Kurtz  
❖ 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  
GRADUATE RECOGNITION & PRESENTATION  
Grace Baker, Eric Blair, Liz Boyle, Ariel Derting, Maia Elliott, Lindsay Kurtz, Zeph Pratt, Antonio Rinella, Eleanor Romanaggi, Ty Searce

PRAYER FOR THE GRADUATES

❖ CLOSING HYMN May the God of Hope Go with Us N<sup>o</sup> 765

❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION  
Sisters and brothers, we have been called by God.  
Called by God to do who knows what, but to love and love again.  
Brothers and sisters we have been sent by God.  
Sent by God to go who knows where, but to love and love again.  
Go in the name of our risen savior, who calls us to share God's love with the world.  
Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE Called as Partners in Christ's Service Zundel  
(Reference Hymn N<sup>o</sup> 761)  
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 Clippers 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 six week class on "Who Are These Presbyterians?" facilitated by Chuck Falconer. May 26 will be the study of the Presbyterian church government.

ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH are invited to remain in worship today to help celebrate our graduates.  
WE ARE SEEKING A NEW LIBRARIAN for our fabulous Gamble Library, which provides relevant and meaningful resources for all ages and programs at our church and in our community. Please contact the church office with questions and details.

A MEMBERSHIP CLASS will be held today, May 19, in Armitage Hall for anyone who is interested in formally joining the church. During the class you will learn about the rights and responsibilities of membership and ask any questions you may have about the process. We will have a formal membership ceremony on Sunday, June 9 to bring new members into the church.

CALLING ALL VALLEY TOWELS AND WASHCLOTHS!  
Come on home! The drawer typically filled with clean and folded dish towels in the kitchen is empty. Where have all the towels gone? If you took some home to wash (thank you!) and have yet to return them, please do so. If you happen to have an abundance of towels at home and want to donate some to Valley's kitchen, we will take them. If you're feeling generous and want to buy some new ones for the kitchen, have at it. Let's fill that drawer back up! Thank you!

THE VALLEY BOOK GROUP will meet on Friday, May 24, in the Fireside Room at 10:00 AM to discuss *Gift From the Sea*, by Ann Morrow Lindbergh. Although this book was originally published in 1955, the book discusses many of the frustrating elements women still face today: unending pressures and demands, restlessness, denial of leisure and silence, and the threat to inner peace. A brief vacation at the seashore provided the author with the theme and ideas for this book. All are welcome to bring their own coffee and to join in the discussion of this thought-provoking book.

THE NEXT VALLEY HABITAT BUILD will be the morning of Saturday, June 22 at Denney Gardens. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information, contact Chuck Falconer.