



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 17

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Glory to His Name

Rachel Williams, piano

John Stockton, arr. Victor Labenske

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Sicilienne and Rigaudon

Rachel Williams, piano

Fritz Kreisler

Sam Rudy, violin

OPENING SENTENCES

HYMN #23 *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets* (verses 2 & 3)

*You have called us to be faithful in our life and ministry.
We respond in grateful worship joined in one community.
When we blur your gracious image, focus us and make us whole.
Healed and strengthened as your people,
we move onward toward your goal.*

*God, your word is still creating, calling us to life made new.
Now reveal to us fresh vistas where there's work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all distortion. Polish us with loving care.
Thus, new creatures in your image, we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon

Gracious God, you have taught us to pray "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." Yet even as we depend on your mercy, we fail to extend your mercy to others. We hold on to grudges, count up the sins of others, and seek to settle scores. Forgive us, Gracious One, and open our hearts to forgive one another. Let the grace we have received overflow into the lives of others. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

RESPONSE TO THE GOOD NEWS #306

*Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.*

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

Congregational Blessing: You are God's beloved child.
With you God is well pleased.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Etude-Caprice No. 1, Op. 18*
Henri Wieniawski

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Genesis 21:8-18
Matthew 10:24-31

SERMON *You Are Loved—And So Are They* Rev. Bill Davnie

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN #661 *Why Should I Feel Discouraged?* (verses 1 & 3)

*Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,
when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.*

Refrain:

*I sing because I'm happy, (I'm happy)
I sing because I'm free, (I'm free)
for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.*

*Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
when song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. (Refrain)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Peace & Global Witness*

Arlene Freeberg

OFFERTORY *Promenade A L'automne*
Marcel Tournier

Taichi Chen, violin
Lisa Beckstrom, harp

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All that we have is Yours alone, a trust, O Lord, from You. And gladly, for all You have blessed us, to You our first fruits give. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

HYMN #716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.*

*Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.*

Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.

Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

*Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Arr. Carol Tornquist

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, September 17

Sponsored by Tom and Virginia Day
In honor of our Valley Family.

Please click [HERE](#) to dedicate your chancel flowers.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for **Marlys Hawkins** who is at St. Teresa Oxbow in Brooklyn Park for rehab.

Prayers for **Shirley Toering** who had surgery Sept 11 to remove a section of her colon.

Prayers for **Charlotte Davnie** who has been diagnosed with breast cancer and will have surgery on October 17.

Prayers for **Mary Roback** who will have shoulder surgery Sept 27.

Prayers for **Doug Smith** who is home after 3 months following his back surgeries.

Continued prayers for **Lisa Kummer** whose last CT scan was stable and some of the cancerous nodes even shrunk! Lisa will continue her chemotherapy.

Click [HERE](#) to visit Lisa's Caring Bridge site.

Continued prayers for **Taichi Chen** as he continues his health journey. Next week he will meet with a clinical trial doctor to hopefully get him signed up with a clinical trial that seems to be a fit for his cancer. Prayers that the biopsy will give much needed information as to next steps.

Click [HERE](#) to visit Taichi's Caring Bridge site.

Continued prayers for **Rick Carlson** as he continues to exercise, working on building strength and balance while waiting for a new heart and kidney donation.

Click [HERE](#) to visit Rick's Caring Bridge site.

EASY WAYS TO GIVE TO VALLEY AND/OR COMMUNITY PARTNERS GIVE ONE TIME OR RECURRING

1. MAIL YOUR CHECK TO VALLEY

- In the memo of the check, indicate what your donation is for (i.e., Pledge, PRISM, etc.)

2. ONLINE GIVING

- Visit Valley's secured online giving by clicking [HERE](#) to make a one-time or Recurring gift to Valley or our community partners.

RECURRING GIFTS: Sign in, or create a new account.

ONE-TIME GIFTS: Click "[Quick Give](#)" to send a one-time gift.

3. AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS FROM YOUR BANK ACCOUNT

- Contact Chelsie Larsen: 507-272-1914 | chelsie.larsen@valleychurch.net to set up withdrawals directly from your account. You can always adjust the amount.

This Week at Valley

Sunday, September 17

Men's Retreat

9:30 am Worship Service

Rev. Bill Davnie Preaching

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Ed

4:00 pm TEAMS & Youth Group

Monday, September 18

Tuesday, September 19

11:30 am Men's Lunch

6:30 pm Hand Bell Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 20

Thursday, September 21

10:00 am Bible Fellowship

10:00 am Meals on Wheels

Friday, September 22

Saturday, September 23

1:00 pm NAMI Walk

Sunday, September 24

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Ed

4:00 pm TEAMS & Youth Group

6:00 pm Beatles Sing-Along

**A special thank you to our
Worship Team, especially
Katie Decker, Myron Jones,
Larry Johnson, Joel Larsen,
Janet Triplett, Brandon Novy,
and Roger Graphenteen for
broadcasting the services.**

Valley Staff

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All 414 members of this congregation.

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Rev. Nancy Phillips

Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

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SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

September 10: 208 (107 in-person)

September 3: 208 (107 in-person)



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Adult Education | September 17 | 11:00 AM

WHERE CHRISTIAN VALUES & NATIONAL INTERESTS COLLIDE

Rev. Bill Davnie: American Christians often see our foreign policy as an extension of our values of democracy, freedom, faith and more. But our values and our national interests - security, defeat of competitors and more - don't actually always coincide, and we quickly let our interests overwhelm our values. We'll look at how Christians here and elsewhere look at Ukraine, Palestine other aspects of our international presence.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room



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Adult Education | September 24 | 11:00 AM

THAT'S NOT THE WAY WE'VE ALWAYS DONE IT

We are the reformed church, always reforming and that means things change from time to time. **Sheila Sheldon** will share about the new things happening with education ministries and answer any questions you might have. Then she'll present Valley's new website and give a tour of where to find commonly searched content. Finally, two of our newest Parish Associates, Nancy Phillips and Rebecca Tollefson, will join us to share a little more about themselves, what they are doing now, and what they look forward to in the future.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room

2023 Peace & Global Witness Offering

Blessed are those who seek to make peace in home, community & world.

The blessing being a peacemaker offers builds on our denomination's commitment to a special peacemaking effort begun in 1980. Receiving this offering on World Communion Sunday is part of our commemoration since 1940 of this day of ecumenical celebration of our oneness in Christ.

This special offering will be divided between local and global peace efforts. Here in the Valley, we will support our partnership with Home Free, as we join in efforts to insure that the home is a place where peace is found and made. The offering will also support our regional & global efforts as we work for peace and reconciliation across the globe.

Our support of this offering affirms Valley's commitment to be connected with our world and to care for its people. Giving leads us forth in peace. Be generous and joyful.

• DRIVERS NEEDED •

Meals on Wheels

3RD AND 4TH THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

• **SEPT 21 & 28** •

CONTACTS:

Gail Smith
use your directory
or call the office

Marge Thurston
use your directory
or call the office

ROUTES INCLUDE

Crystal
New Hope
Robbinsdale
Golden Valley



*Thank you for
your services
Karen Sauter!*



NAMI WALK

*National Alliance on
Mental Health*

5k Walk (3.1 miles)

**SIGN-UP TO WALK/DONATE
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

All together for mental health for all!

It's not how far we walk.
It's how far we have come.

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 23**

Minnehaha Falls Regional Park
1:00pm - 3:00pm



BEATLES SING-ALONG FUNDRAISER AT VALLEY

SEPT 24 | 6-8 PM

FEATURING DAN CHIOUNARD

*In celebration of Andy Westerlund's 64th birthday,
sing along to your favorite Beatles songs.
Each song will raise funds for a different charity
(PRISM, Crisis Nursery, Clare Terrace).*

Valley Brew Crew

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 | 1:00-6:00 PM

ANDREW & BECCA PITAN'S HOUSE
REFERENCE YOUR DIRECTORY

IT'S CIDER TIME

Bring apples, pears, peeling & cutting equipment.

POTLUCK & BBQ

Pitans will provide brats, hot dogs, and s'mores.
Feel free to bring sides and snacks to share.
Beverages of all kinds, and kids welcome!

CONTACT JAY PERRY FOR DETAILS:

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Rehearsals on
Wed. 7:00 pm

VCPC CHOIR

VALLEY IS EXCITED TO ENJOY OUR
CHOIR AGAIN ON SELECT SUNDAYS!

Sunday, Oct. 1 | Rehearsal Sept. 27

Sunday, Oct. 22 | Rehearsal Oct. 19

Sunday, Nov. 5 | Rehearsal Nov. 1

Sunday, Nov. 19 | Rehearsal Nov. 15



Wednesday rehearsals will be held on the
Wednesday the same week before the Sundays above.

Happy Birthday Valley Family!

9/1 Frankline Nyongkah	9/17 Evonne Kirchenwitz
9/2 Martin Buller	9/18 Jeffrey Lund
9/3 Lennox Mead	9/21 SuAnn Bygd
9/6 Alan Wold	9/21 Mark Freeman
9/9 Aaron Craven	9/22 Jamese Decker
9/9 Arnold Schellhaas	9/23 Jameson Johannsen
9/10 Pius Nti	9/25 Tom Jenson
9/10 Jeff Soltau	9/26 Mariah Messer
9/12 Hayden Gautsche	9/26 Andrew Westerlund
9/12 Claire Reinert	9/26 Helmut Winter
9/13 Pete Messer	9/27 Peter Brant
9/13 Christine Phelan	9/28 Paul Minter
9/14 Jonathan Schellhaas	9/28 Emily Steffel
9/15 Ted Arneson	9/29 Sarah Gonsior
9/16 Steve Bauer	9/29 Deborah Poynter
9/16 Katie Decker	9/30 Jennifer Biggs
9/16 Gwen Rouleau	9/30 Bellinda Nti





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Open Hearts • Open Minds • Opening Lives to God

—Established May 20, 1951—

Land Acknowledgement Statement

Valley Community Presbyterian Church sits on the ancestral and contemporary land of the Dakota people, for whom the land holds historical, spiritual, political, and cultural significance.

We acknowledge the ongoing injustices that we have committed against the Dakota people and pledge to interrupt this legacy. We will educate ourselves about Indigenous history and recognize, support, and advocate for our Native neighbors.

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