



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 15, 2023

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

I'll Fly Away
Alan Jackson

Rachel Williams, piano
Missy Rudeen, banjo
Jay Tracy, mandolin
Craig Gottschalk, guitar

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

As I Went Down
Alison Krquess

OPENING SENTENCES—FROM PSALM 106 Carol Martens & Eric Wendorf

HYMN #611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* (verses 1 & 3)

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon

Loving God, you are always speaking, giving us instructions, directing our attention, and telling us your love. We confess that sometimes we are not very good listeners. We aren't sure what is your voice, and what is ours, and what is just noise. We are easily distracted. We like our own ways. But even when we are too busy, you still call. We admit that we find you difficult to hear, and we ask for your help.

Open our minds and hearts. Tune our ears to your voice. Help us to listen to what you have to say, and then help us to follow wherever you lead. Remind us of your love and forgiveness and give us strength to be faithful to you. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

RESPONSE TO THE GOOD NEWS #692

*May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.*

*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.*

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Wade in the Water
Ramsey Lewis

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 4: 1-9

SERMON

Rev. Libby Shannon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN #54 *Make a Joyful Noise to God!* (verses 1 & 3)

*Make a joyful noise to God! All creation sings your praise!
Great your wonders here displayed, unexcelled throughout our days.
Glorious is your sacred name, ages old, yet still the same.*

*Bless the Lord, our refuge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!
By whose justice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt deferred.
When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heavenly home.*

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

And Now She Rises

Richard Marshall

OFFERTORY

Go Down Moses
Louis Armstrong

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we are grateful that you give us life and simply ask that we live into your calling—to be your love in this world. We pray for those who suffer, for those who are sick, for those who are lost, and for those who experience daily hunger. Help us bring your healing and love to all who lack adequate food and shelter. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

HYMN #804 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* (verses 1-3)

*Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.*

Refrain:

*Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!*

*With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,
send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days. (Refrain)*

*Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe. (Refrain)*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hay Glory
Rev. Gary Davis

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

WELCOME REV. LIBBY SHANNON

The Reverend Doctor Libby Shannon serves as Transitional Executive Presbyterian in the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area. A native Floridian, Libby and her family moved to Minnesota last fall and survived their first winter with minimal whining. She holds degrees from Eckerd College, Columbia Theological Seminary, and the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Prior to serving the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, she was a college chaplain and sexual violence advocate and associate executive presbyter. She enjoys carving out time for her favorite "B" words- bicycles, books, baseball, and

Joys and Concerns

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

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** who started his clinical trial without experiencing any side effects, His next scan is Nov 6.

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.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, October 15

Sponsored by **Sheila Sheldon**

In honor of her parents' Scott & Valerie Robinson's 48th wedding anniversary!

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

This Week at Valley

Sunday, October 15

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Ed

4:00 pm TEAMS & Youth Group

Monday, October 16

Tuesday, October 17

11:30 am Men's Lunch

6:30 pm Hand Bell Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 18

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 19

10:00 am Bible Fellowship

Friday, October 20

Saturday, October 21

10:00 am Valley Craft Club

Sunday, October 22

9:30 am Worship Service

Stewardship Kick-Off

Rev. Jim Cook Preaching

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

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. David Phillips

Rev. Nancy Phillips

Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

Rev. Aron Wilterding

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

October 8: 201 (80 in-person)

October 1: 229 (125 in-person)



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Adult Education | October 15 | 11:00 AM
BREAD FOR THE WORLD

We have a great opportunity this fall because the **US Farm Bill** is up for reauthorization. Federal nutrition programs, a part of the Farm Bill, provide 10 times as much food assistance as private churches and charities combined. Bread for the **World Volunteers** will show us how to speak up so the government will listen and help feed hungry children and families.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room

Valley Craft Club!

Valley crafters had so much fun crafting together we decided to make it a regular event & meet more often. **This month's featured craft is holiday card-making!** **Carolyn Anderson** will demo and share examples. We'll have all the supplies you need - **suggested donation of \$5**. Bring a project (or projects!) to work on and a dish to share. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

See you there!

October 21, 2023
10 AM - 4 PM



Valley Church Fall Cleaning

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Exterior cleaning of the
church grounds



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WHITE NATIONALISM

Brandon Schorsch from Jewish Community Action will return to Valley to lead us in a discussion of white nationalism. This concept has been with us since the Civil War and is seeing a current and dangerous resurgence. We need to be aware and learn how to name and disrupt it.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room

• Hosted by
Valley Youth

Oct
29
4-5 PM



Candy



A
Community
Event
with a
Cause!

Bring pantry items for PRISM and help us fill the trailer
at our annual Trunk or Treat for PRISM drive.

Can't wait to see you there!

Valley Community Parking Lot



Rehearsals on
Wed. 7:00 pm

VCPC CHOIR

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

Sunday, Oct. 22 | Rehearsal Oct. 18

Sunday, Nov. 5 | Rehearsal Nov. 1

Sunday, Nov. 19 | Rehearsal Nov. 15

Sunday, Dec. 3 | Rehearsal Nov. 29

Sunday, Dec. 17 | Rehearsal Dec. 13



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



CPR/AED Refresher Class



Have you ever thought about what you would do if you found someone unconscious and not breathing? Would you know how to call for help, start CPR and use an AED, if available? This class is designed to give you lots of hands-on practice with the manikins so that you will leave with the knowledge and skills to be able to help in an emergency. **Instructor: Jan Fedora**

NOVEMBER 4 | 9AM - 11AM | CORNERSTONE ROOM
SIGN-UPS FOR THE CLASS WILL BE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED TO 12 PARTICIPANTS.



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Community**

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VALLEY COMMUNITY
GOLDEN VALLEY, MN 55422

POLL GREETERS & VOLUNTEERS

Valley needs its volunteers to sign up to help during the upcoming election on **Tuesday, November 7, 2023.**

SIGN UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR LEFTOVER HALLOWEEN CANDY!

Happy Birthday Valley Family!

Lisa Cawhorn 10/1
Lonnie Johnson 10/2
Brayden Rude 10/2
Reid Nichols 10/3
Margaret Sandberg 10/5
Gail Smith 10/5
Rachel Hole 10/6
Brandon Novy 10/6
April Kovacovich 10/7
Cathy LaPoint 10/7
Valerie Craven 10/8
Nancy Husnik 10/8
Aubrie Larsen 10/8
Karen Sauter 10/10
Thom Reinert 10/11
Madelyn Soens 10/11
Alexander Kara 10/12
Jack Perry 10/12
Earl Robertson 10/12
Max Westerlund 10/12
Ginger Jackson 10/13
Benjamin Gillett 10/14
Myron Jones 10/14
Chrisdel Nyongkah 10/15
Cheryl Smith 10/15

Peggy Meyer 10/17
Eli Matthews Doering 10/18
Linda Wold 10/18
Lilianna Schellhaas 10/19
Andrew Freeberg 10/22
Les Freeberg 10/22
Ann Keen 10/23
Earl Michael 10/24
Alex Graham 10/25
Nancy Olson 10/25
Mary Ann Winter 10/25
Janet Triplett 10/26
Myrle Reiswig 10/27
Catherine Paulson 10/28
Norman Chervany 10/29
Ann Van Heest 10/31





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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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