



Valley Community

PC(USA)

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in C Minor Jane Nienaber, organ
J.S. Bach

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC ○ *Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*
Arr. Dale Wood

OPENING SENTENCES

† HYMN #307 *God of Grace and God of Glory* (verses 1, 2 & 3)

*God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.*

*Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon

Gracious God, there are days that threaten to swallow us, days when the storms of life feel too big. In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear, spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you.

Forgive us for doubting ourselves. Forgive us for doubting you. Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us. With hope in our hearts we pray. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO THE GOOD NEWS #307

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.*

† Please rise in body or spirit.

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Winds Through the Olive Trees
Robert Wetzler

Valley Handbells

SCRIPTURAL LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33

SERMON

When in Doubt

Rev. Jim Cochrane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN #353 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* (verses 1, 2 & 4)

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

Refrain:

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.*

(Refrain)

*When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.*

(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

Self-Development of People

Jan Sacco

OFFERTORY

Rejoice in the Lord
James Mansfield

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God you have done marvelous things, and we forever sing your praise. You have called us out on the water and lifted us up even in our despair. Bless the gifts we offer to you today that they might share your love with our community and our world. In Christ we pray. Amen.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

SENDING US OUT

† HYMN #463

How Firm a Foundation (verses 1, 2, 3 & 5)

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

*"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude on God of Grace
Arr. Paul Manz

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Portions of liturgy adapted from prayers by Rev. Sarah A. Speed
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Chancel Flowers

Sunday, February 25

In celebration of Margje Deutsch's 59 years of
membership at Valley!

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

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Joys and Concerns

Continued prayers for **Charlotte Davnie** as she continues her chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer. She had her recent infusion on 2/7/24 followed by radiation.

Continued prayers for **Lisa Kummer** for her ongoing management of her breast cancer. This past week Lisa learned that her tumor markers have increased, and new spots have appeared on her brain. Despite this news they are optimistic that her new chemo is still working. Lisa is asking for continued prayers as she and her family navigate through this news and work with her care team on a plan. Click [HERE](#) to visit Lisa's Caring Bridge site.

Continued prayers for **Taichi Chen** who had a scan on 1/30/24 and the results showed that things are stable. Taichi's next scan is in 4 weeks. The Chens are focusing on their gratitude for all the love, support, and people through this journey. Click [HERE](#) to visit Taichi's Caring Bridge site.

Prayers for **Rick Carlson** who is back in the hospital and waiting for news on next steps. They are hopeful it will be a short stay. 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.

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, February 25

Women's Chrysalis Retreat

9:30 am Worship Service

Second Sunday of Lent

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

4:00 pm Youth / TEAMS Group

Monday, February 26

6:30 pm Session Meeting

Tuesday, February 27

6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 28

6:00 pm Lenten Dinner

Thursday, February 29

10:00 am Bible Fellowship

7:00 pm Gentle Yoga

Friday, March 1

Saturday, March 2

Sunday, March 3

9:30 am Worship Service

Third Sunday of Lent

With Communion

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

4:00 pm Youth / TEAMS Group

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

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All 402 members of this congregation.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

February 18: 237 (123 in-person)

February 11: 218 (117 in-person)

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

FEBRUARY 28 | WEEK 2 | 6:00-7:15 PM

Join us in-person or virtually for our Wednesdays in Lent Fellowship time.

DINNER BEGINS: 6:00 PM | PROGRAM BEGINS: 6:45 PM

HOSTS: Technology, Worship & Music

MEAL: Pasta & bread

DISCUSSION FOCUS: Are you fearful of stepping out in faith?
What steps of faith might Valley be taking in the coming months?

Members are encouraged to bring sides and desserts!
Last names A-L Dessert | M-Z Side dish



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Adult Education | March 3 | 11:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY: PETER'S STORY | REV. JIM COCHRANE

Simon Peter is one of the most relatable figures in the Bible for Christians. He is a dedicated follower of Jesus, he is everything we strive to be! But cracks begin to emerge when diving deeper into his story. Peter struggles with his faith: he wants to believe but he is challenged by Jesus' messages and occasionally fails to comprehend the gravity of what is being asked of him. Sound familiar?

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room

Easter Flowers

Order by March 3 | Fellowship Hall



Easter Lily (white) \$12 each
Asiatic Lily (pink) \$12 each
Azalea \$20 each
Tulip \$12 each
Mum \$12 each



**Fridays in
the Valley
Presents:**



Broadway
Swider Duo



Friday, March 8, 2024 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
MINNESOTA FOODSHARE

 Valley Community



VCPC CHOIR

VALLEY IS EXCITED TO ENJOY
OUR CHOIR ON SELECT SUNDAYS!

Sunday, Mar. 10 | Rehearsal Mar. 6 at **7:15pm**
Sunday, Mar. 31 | Rehearsal Mar. 27

Sunday, Apr. 14 | Rehearsal Apr. 10
Sunday, Apr. 21 | Rehearsal Apr. 17

Sunday, May 5 | Rehearsal May 1
Sunday, May 12 | Rehearsal May 8
Sunday, May 19 | Rehearsal May 15



Wednesday rehearsals take place on the
Wednesday the same week before the Sundays
above at 7:00pm unless specified otherwise.

PACK THE PEWS FOR PRISM

The Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC) has announced its
41st March Campaign in partnership with Minnesota FoodShare.

That means it's time to **PACK THE PEWS, VALLEY!**

Donation Deadline: **MARCH 24**

SUGGESTED ITEMS

Sugar & Flour (5lbs)

Pasta Sauce

Cereal

Canned Vegetables

Cooking Oil

Tuna & Chicken

Peanut Butter

Pasta





VALLEY COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN
DONATING BLOOD THIS SPRING?

Before we can set a date for the
blood drive, we need to make
sure there is enough interest!

Sign up online
[CLICK HERE](#)
or in the
Fellowship Hall!



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Save The Date!

22nd Annual
Y.E.S. Tea



Saturday, April 27 | 2 pm





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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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