



Valley Community

PC(USA)

Sunday, February 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Intermezzo Op. 118 No. 2
Johannes Brahms

Rachel Williams

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

There Is a Fountain
Arr. Mark Hayes

OPENING SENTENCES

HYMN #415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

*Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.*

Refrain:

*I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

*Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify,
true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.*

(Refrain)

*Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.*

(Refrain)

*Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.*

(Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon

Loving God, You call us by name. You join us in the deep waters of life. You invite us to drop our nets and follow you and yet more often than we'd like to admit, we are like Peter. Over and over again, we stand slack jawed and surprised to find you in our midst.

Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own. Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves. Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boat. Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you, for you are the Lord our God, and we trust in you. 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 #415

*I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Create in Me a Clean Heart
Carl Mueller

Valley Choir

SCRIPTURAL LESSON

Luke 5:1-11

SERMON

Called to a Journey

Rev. Jim Cochrane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN #721 *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* (verses 1, 2 & 4)

*Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.*

Refrain:

*O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.
By your side I will seek other seas.*

*You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor.*

(Refrain)

*You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call 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

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Jen Biggs

OFFERTORY

By the Still Waters
Amy Beach

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We thank you God for your gifts that comfort us. We feel seen and understood when you walk out to join us in life's deep waters. We feel invited when you say to us, "follow me." Bless our gifts that we offer, so they might be tools we use as fishers of people, bringing them into the warm embrace of your love. In Christ we pray, amen.

SENDING US OUT

HYMN #170

You Walk along Our Shoreline

*You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea.
We hear your voice of power, "Now come and follow me.
And if you still will follow through storm and wave and shoal,
then I will make you fishers but of the human soul."*

*You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth.
We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth.
We spread your net of gospel across the water's face,
our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace.*

*We cast our net, O Jesus; we cry the kingdom's name;
we work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain.
You call us, Lord, to gather God's daughters and God's sons,
to let your judgment heal us so that all may be one.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Shall We Gather at the River and Deep River
Arr. Michael Larkin

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 18

Sponsored by **Emily Steffel.**

In honor of TEAMS volunteers!

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

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for **Ken Smith** as he will be at North Memorial Hospital for several days due to a small bowel obstruction. Pray for a quick and easy recovery.

Prayers for the family and friends of **Carol McCarter** who passed away on 1/29/24 at the age of 99. Memorial service is planned for April 11, more details to come.

Continued prayers for **Charlotte Davnie** as she continues her chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer. She had another infusion on 1/17/24, and had her last one on 2/7/24 followed by radiation.

Continued prayers for **Lisa Kummer** for her ongoing management of her breast cancer. Her new chemotherapy regimen began in late December, and the results are promising. The tumors are shrinking or stable, her coughing has been greatly reduced, her use of Tylenol to manage symptoms has completely evaporated, and the tumor markers in her blood have dropped 25 points. 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.

Continued prayers for **Rick Carlson** who came home 1/25/24. He is in good spirits because the team found the infection, took action and it is currently under control with the hope that it won't come back! He thanks his Valley family for all the prayers and phone calls while isolating in his hospital room. 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 18

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

4:00 pm Youth / TEAMS Group

Monday, February 19

Office Closed—Presidents' Day

Tuesday, February 20

11:30 am Men's Lunch

6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 21

6:00 pm Lenten Dinner

Thursday, February 22

10:00 am Bible Fellowship

10:00 am Meals on Wheels

7:00 pm Gentle Yoga

Friday, February 23

Women's Chrysalis Retreat

Saturday, February 24

Women's Chrysalis Retreat

Sunday, February 25

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9:30 am Worship Service

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!

Valley Staff

Ministers

All 402 members of this congregation.

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Rev. Nancy Phillips

Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

Rev. Aron Wilterding

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

February 11: 218 (117 in-person)

February 4: 254 (154 in-person)

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



GENTLE YOGA CLASS

You are invited to join us for gentle yoga class
at Valley in the Community Room at 7 PM.

Class will be led by Valley member Samantha Schellhaas.

COST: Free-will donation

THURSDAYS
7:00 PM

FEBRUARY 22 and **29**
MARCH 7, 14 and **21**



VCPC CHOIR

VALLEY IS EXCITED TO ENJOY
OUR CHOIR ON SELECT SUNDAYS!

Sunday, Feb. 18 | Rehearsal Feb. 14 at **6:00pm**

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.



Clearwater Chrysalis Women's Retreat

FEBRUARY 23-25, 2024
PRESBYTERIAN CLEARWATER FOREST

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
VISIT CLEARWATERFOREST.ORG/RETREATS/ TO REGISTER
OR CLICK THIS AD IF VIEWING ONLINE
CONTACT 218-678-2325

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

FEBRUARY 21 - MARCH 20 | 6:00 PM

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

Join Pastor Jim for Wednesdays in Lent, a time to reflect on our faith both individually and as a community. Dinner will be hosted by Church Committees from 6:00-6:45pm. After dinner, we'll move into a more worshipful moment together. The discussions that we have during the Lenten season will be fodder for the Mission Study Committee in the spring when they will begin collecting information.

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



 Valley Community

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!

 Valley Community



Save The Date!

22nd Annual
Y.E.S. Tea

Saturday, April 27 | 2 pm



Chancel Flowers
Sign-up

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SUGGESTED \$30 MINIMUM

Sign-up in Fellowship Hall
or click this ad!



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—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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