



# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## CHRIST IS RISEN!

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Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

# GATHERING US IN

## PRELUDE

*Hail Thee Festival Day*, Arr. by Michael Burkhardt Jane Nienaber, organ  
*The Strife is O'er*, Arr. By Lani Smith Paul Chouinard, trumpet  
*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*, Arr. By Robert Powell  
*Christ is Alive*, Arr. By Wilbur Held  
*Processional*, David Johnson

## EASTER WELCOME

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Lift High the Cross* Rachel Williams, piano  
Arr. By Fred Bock

## CALL TO REMEMBER

John 1:1-5,14

## † Hymn #232

***Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*** (verses 1, 2 & 3)

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured. Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon

The stone is rolled away but we assume it is a mistake. The angels say, "He is not here!" but we assume their news is fake. The women tell the story, but we do not want to hear it. Peter runs to the tomb, but we do not understand. Forgive us, God, for thinking an empty tomb is nothing more than a prank. Forgive us for seeing discarded burial cloths and still holding tight to death. Forgive us for pushing away reasons to hope when you are alive and well in the world. Teach us to see what you see and unravel the threads of our unbelief. 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 #232 (v.4)

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!.

## HEARING THE WORD

### TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*  
Arr. By Fred Bock

Piano/Organ Duet

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:1-12

### SERMON

*Nevertheless*

Rev. Jim Cochrane

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### † Hymn # 238

#### ***Thine Is the Glory***

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

#### **Refrain:**

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. (Refrain)

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **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**

*Love Lives - Easter!*

Julie Westerlund

## **OFFERTORY**

*Christ is Arisen Indeed!*  
Natalie Sleeth

Valley Choir

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Loving God, we offer these gifts as signs of our time and labor. Receive the offering of our lives and fill us with your grace, that all creation might feast on your unending life. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

# SENDING US OUT

## † Musical Response

### *Hallelujah Chorus*

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The kingdom of this world is become  
the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ, and of His Christ;  
And He shall reign for ever and ever,

King of kings! and Lord of lords! King of kings! and Lord of lords!  
And He shall reign for ever and ever, King of kings! and Lord of lords!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah!

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

### *Trumpet Finale*

Arr. By Francesco Manfredini & S.D. Wolf (trumpets and organ)

## **The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.**

Portions of liturgy adapted from prayers by Rev. Sarah A. Speed  
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# Easter Flower Dedications



- Mary Ann Winter**.....In honor of our children and grandchildren
- Greg & Mary Rom**.....In memory of Michael Hnatko, Betty Hicks,  
Ray & Barbara Rom, and Paul Hicks
- Terry & Bonnie Goslinga**.....In honor of our new grandson, Wayne W. Goslinga
- Betsy Nichols**.....In memory of Doug & Trudy Nichols
- Mandy Lund**.....In memory of Donovan & Julie Lund
- Peggy Neibling**.....In memory of Betty Brooking
- Scott & Valerie Robinson**.....In memory of Gordon Robinson & Derald Sullivan
- Margie Deutsch**.....In memory of Manfred Deutsch
- Sarah Fadell**.....In memory of Donald Fadell
- Rev. Nancy Phillips**.....In memory of Nellie Ireland Phillips
- Susie Potter**.....In memory of Jan & George Potter
- Brad & Sharon Pleimling**.....In honor of a peaceful world
- Beverly Mattin**.....In memory of my husband Charles Mattin
- Mark & Shirley Toering**.....In loving memory of our parents
- Carole & Rick Martens**.....In honor of Martens & Wendorf families
- Jim Parks**.....In loving memory of Karla Parks,  
Delbert & Lorraine Parks, and Melbert & Shirley Holzer
- Rev. Jim & Diane Cook**.....In honor of the Friendship Class
- Jan Fedora**.....In memory of Tom Fedora, husband  
and Richard Woodbury, brother
- Roger Michael**.....In memory of Marian Michael
- Brian & Rachel Hole**.....In memory of Rev. Howard Skulstand,  
Bob Kreutzian and Tyler Hole
- Kerrie Deef**.....In memory of grandparents Martie & Bob Siegler  
and in-laws Marge & John Deef
- Gwyn Lang**.....In honor of my mother Margaret Faber



# Easter Flower Dedications



- Roger Graphenteen**.....In memory of my parents Palmer & Dorothy  
and daughter Allyson Rose
- Karen Harms**.....In honor of my mom, dad, and sister Cindy
- David & Helen Dechaine**.....In memory of George & Dorothy Marchant  
and Albert & Opal Dechaine
- Becky Brooking and Jacob LaBelle**.....In honor of Rev. Jim Cochrane  
and Rev. Richard Buller
- Les & Arlene Freeberg**.....In honor of our grandchildren
- Ruth & Rev. Aron Wilterding**.....In memory of our daughter  
JoAnna Wilterding Albers
- Jim & Lisa Tarbell**.....In memory of James Tarbell Sr. and Sherrill Mixer
- Lois Robinson**.....In memory of Gordon Robinson
- Mariah & Pete Messer**.....In honor of our parents & grandparents
- Jan & Joe Sacco**.....In honor of our grandchildren  
August, Roman, and Estelle
- Cheryl Smith**.....In loving memory of my parents Ken & Gay Smith
- Sheila & Hunter Sheldon**.....In loving memory of Jack Sheldon

## Chancel Flowers

Sunday, March 31

Easter flowers are sponsored by the Valley Community.  
In honor and memory of our loved ones.

If you would like to sponsor flowers in the future, please  
click [HERE](#) to sign up for chancel flowers.

# Joys and Concerns

A celebration of life for **Carol McCarter** will be held at Valley on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 11:00 AM. Her family invites you to attend. This would have been her 100th birthday.

Prayers for **Janet Carlson** who continues to her recovery at a transitional care facility.

Prayers for **Tom Magill** who had a knee replacement on 3/14 and after a small set back is continuing his recovery at home.

Continued prayers for **Charlotte Davnie** as she continues her ongoing radiation treatment for breast cancer.

Continued prayers for **Lisa Kummer** who has completed a round of radiation and, despite the side effects, is dedicated to living life!

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

Continued prayers for **Taichi Chen** who had a scan in early March and the results showed that things are stable. The Chens lift up 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 is happy to have continued recovery.

In addition to recovering himself, he is helping to support Janet in her recovery journey.

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](mailto:chelsie.larsen@valleychurch.net) to set up withdrawals directly from your account.  
You can always adjust the amount.



Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life-saving programs ~



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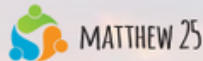
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**SELF-  
DEVELOPMENT  
OF PEOPLE**

*Loose the Bonds  
of Injustice*

*Please give generously.*

**IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!**



**MATTHEW 25**

Death is now understood as a part of life not an end to it. Love is now known as something that cannot be ignored, killed or buried. Life is! Love lives.

Offerings are not burdens to bear but opportunities to celebrate. Giving liberates some who are oppressed by the spirit of those who have been liberated. It is why Easter is a time for receiving "the change" and offering the "Hallelujah."

May your life be enriched this day as you take steps to be enrichers, or better yet, as you become repairers of the breach. Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

Remember to mark your denominational offering OGHS, and your Valley Special Easter Offering PRISM.

# This Week at Valley

**Sunday, March 31**

**9:30 am Worship:** Easter

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Youth / TEAMS Spring Break

**Monday, April 1**

11:30 am Lunch Bunch- 50's Grill

**Tuesday, April 2**

6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

**Wednesday, April 3**

**Thursday, April 4**

10:00 am Bible Fellowship

**Friday, April 5**

**Saturday, April 6**

**Sunday, April 7**

**9:30 am Worship 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!

# Valley Staff

**Ministers**

All 402 members of this  
congregation.

**Transitional Pastor**

**Head of Staff**

Rev. Jim Cochrane

**Educational Ministries Director**

Sheila Sheldon

**Office Administrator**

Savannah Martinez

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Coordinator**

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**Music Coordinator**

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**Choral & Handbell Director**

Janet M.T. Carlson

**Sunshine Room Leader**

James Decker

**Custodian**

Hunter Sheldon

## PARISH ASSOCIATES

Rev. Jim Cook

Rev. Bill Davnie

Rev. Kate O'Brien Soltau

Rev. David Phillips

Rev. Nancy Phillips

Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

Rev. Aron Wilterding

## SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 17: 203 (113 in-person)

March 24: 220 (116 in-person)



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Adult Education | April 7 | 11:00 AM

## VOICES FOR CLIMATE

CONIE BORCHARDT & DOE HOYER - MN INTERFAITH POWER & LIGHT & COALITION TO DISMANTLE THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY

Let's Sing! Voices for Climate is a song circle workshop, where we will get to know one another, sing and learn about climate justice actions we can plug into. We sing for joy and connection, not performance or perfection. All voices are welcome and needed. You don't have to read music or think of yourself as a singer to participate! Please join us!

They will teach us simple, satisfying songs in a way that is welcoming and accessible to all. Songs will be chosen to help us connect to the seasonal moment and root into our collective power.

**Hosted in The Cornerstone Room**

You're Invited  
**COMMISSIONING SERVICE**  
**For Sheila Sheldon**

as a Commissioned Ruling Elder  
in the Presbytery of The Twin Cities Area  
to serve in ministry at  
Valley Community Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 14, 2024  
2:30 PM



Valley Community  
PC(USA)

3100 Lilac Drive North  
Golden Valley, MN 55422

There will be an ice cream social following the service.



# GENTLE YOGA CLASS

Our Winter Session has ended.  
**The Spring Session will begin  
Thursday, April 11th - May 30th.**  
We will break for the summer.

**THURSDAYS  
7:00 PM**

**April 11, 18 & 25  
May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30**

**Fridays in  
the Valley  
Presents:**

## Lochan String Quartet

WITH SPECIAL GUEST CHELSEA KIMPTON, CLARINET

**Friday, April 12, 2024 | 7:00 PM**

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT  
**BEACON INTERFAITH HOUSING COLLABORATIVE**

 Valley Community



# Valley Community

## SPRING CLEANING

Saturday, April 20  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

### OUTSIDE

South Lawn  
Playground  
Patio

### INSIDE

Sanctuary  
Community Rooms  
Fellowship Hall Chairs

SIGN UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL



# SPONSOR FLOWERS

**OPEN DATES: In 2024!**  
Purchase & arrange yourself or  
just be a sponsor.

**Sign Up in Fellowship Hall or  
Call the office.**

Suggested \$30 Minimum

• DRIVERS NEEDED •

# Meals on Wheels

4TH THURSDAYS OF EVERY MONTH

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

• **APRIL 25** •

## ROUTES INCLUDE:

Crystal  
New Hope  
Robbinsdale  
Golden Valley



## CONTACTS:

**Gail Smith**  
**Marge Thurston**  
use your directory  
or call the office



Valley Community

TICKETS ON SALE IN  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

*Youth Education  
Scholarship Tea*

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 AT 2 PM

TICKETS ON SALE - MARCH 24

\$30 PER PERSON (AGES 11 & UP)

\$15 (AGES 10 & UNDER)



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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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