

# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, April 7, 2024

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# GATHERING US IN

## PRELUDE

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"  
Arr. By Bradley Sowash

Rachel Williams, Piano

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

## GATHERING MUSIC

"Unclouded Day"  
Josiah Atwood

Rachel Williams, Matt Weiss  
Guitar, Vocals

## OPENING SENTENCES

### † Hymn #485

### **We Know That Christ Is Raised** (verses 1,2 & 3)

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold,  
and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!

We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn we share with him an Easter life  
as living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.  
Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon

Gracious God, we crawl out of the boat only to sink. You tell us your truth and we push it away. We ask about forgiveness and are surprised by abundance. We profess our faith and deny it three times. We run to the empty tomb and leave in silence. Over and over again, we find ourselves wandering along the journey of faith. Tether us to your heart. Forgive our surprise, our denial, and our limited imagination. Call us out of the boat once more. We are eager to return to you. With humble 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 #485 (verse 4)

A new creation comes to life and grows  
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia!

† 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

*"This Ain't My Prayer"*  
Matt Weiss

Rachel Williams

## SCRIPTURE READING

John 21:1-19

## SERMON

*Tune My Heart*

Rev. Jim Cochrane

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## † Hymn # 475

## ***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

VCPC Endowment Fund

Greg Van Heest

# SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

## PRAYER 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.

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

## SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

*"I Saw the Light"*  
Hank Williams Sr.

Rachel Williams, Matt Weiss

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God of abundance, with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, you have united us with your Son, making us one with all your people. We pray that the light of Christ we found at the table will dawn on our souls and remove all bitterness. Help our lives reflect Christ’s love. Let his love show in our deeds, let his peace shine in our words, and let his healing come to all who are in need tonight. Amen.

**SENDING US OUT**

**† Hymn #32**

***I Sing the Mighty Power of God***

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.  
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,  
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,  
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Come, People of the Risen King”*  
Getty/Townend, Arr. By Lyndell Leatherman

Rachell Williams

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

**Chancel Flowers**  
Sunday, April 7  
Sponsored by Virginia & Tom Day  
In memory of our parents.

Please click [HERE](#) to sign up for chancel flowers.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

## 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.

**Tom and Pam Magill** give thanks for all the love, prayers and cards they've received.

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. Her treatments are headed in a positive direction, but she gets winded easily, which impacts day to day life. We pray this symptom improves in the coming weeks. 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.

# **This Week at Valley**

## **Sunday, April 7**

### **9:30 am Worship Service**

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Education

4:00 pm Youth / TEAMS Group

## **Monday, April 8**

7:00 pm 12 Step Group

## **Tuesday, April 9**

6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

## **Wednesday, April 10**

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday, April 11**

No Bible Fellowship Today

11:00 am Service for Carol McCarter

5:30 pm Unity AA Group

## **Friday, April 12**

7:00 pm Fridays in the Valley

## **Saturday, April 13**

8:00 am APPI Festival

10:00 am Craft Day

## **Sunday, April 14**

### **9:30 am Worship Service**

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Education

### **2:30 pm Sheila's Commissioning Service**

4:30 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

## **Program & Communications Coordinator**

Mariah Messer

## **Music Coordinator**

Rachel Williams

## **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 28: 112 (54 in-person)

March 31: 289 (206 in-person)



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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 Fellowship Hall**

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## GETTING TO KNOW MISSION INC.

**SARAH BUSCH - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH MANAGER**

**KARI HITCHCOCK - HOME FREE PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

Missions Inc. Programs provides housing, emergency shelter and supportive services to domestic abuse survivors and those seeking recovery from substance use disorders. Together, Kari Hitchcock and Sarah Busch will share information about the various services available at Missions Inc. Programs as well as opportunities to get involved.

**Hosted in The Cornerstone Room**





# 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**



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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

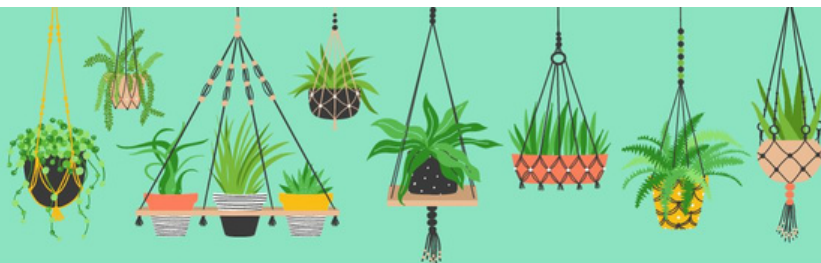
Sunday, April 14, 2024  
2:30 PM



Valley Community  
PC(USA)

3100 Lilac Drive North  
Golden Valley, MN 55422

There will be an ice cream social following the service.



# Save the Plants!

Calling all green thumbs!  
With William (our plant caretaker) gone,  
Sheila and Mariah are struggling to care for  
the many plants around the building.  
If you have a green thumb and some time  
to help, we would appreciate it!



# 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



• 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



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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.



LOGO DESIGN BY WÓOKIYE WIN  
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AND OJIBWAY)

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