



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 14, 2024

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

"Christ Arose"
Robert Lowry Arr. By Mark Hayes

Rachel Williams, Piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"
Arr. By Mark Hayes

Rachel Williams

OPENING SENTENCES

† Hymn #403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer;
O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.

Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee, there a heaven on earth must be;
to my heart O enter thou; let it be thy temple now.

Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee, while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. But we confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and are deaf to the cries of those who mourn. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ the risen Lord. 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 #465 (stanza 1)

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Rejoice!"
Joseph M. Martin

Valley Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:36-48

SERMON

Look At My Hands

Rev. Jim Cochrane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn # 248

Christ Has Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Youth Education Scholarships

Sheila Sheldon

OFFERTORY

"Spring Is Here"
Rodgers & Hart

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, from whom comes everything that is good, we give you thanks for all your gifts: for the wondrous work of your creation, the blessing of your Spirit, and the saving mystery of faith. Help us share our gifts with others, to serve your mission in the world, and to tell the Good News day to day. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #295

Go to the World!

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!" Alleluia. Alleluia.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"O Worship the King"
Arr. By Bill Wolaver

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, April 14

Sponsored by Kurt Wheeler
In memory of our anniversary

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

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for **Jeff Lund** who was at North Memorial this week and is home now.

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 recently discovered an object, suspected to be part of a catheter, following his surgery. He is meeting with a team to set an action plan for removal this week. Also, prayers for **Janet Carlson** who is now home recovering. 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, April 14

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Education

2:30 pm Sheila's Commissioning Service

4:00 pm Youth / TEAMS Group

Monday, April 15- Tax Day

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, April 16

11:30 am VCPC Men's Lunch

6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 17

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 18

10:00 am Bible Fellowship

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, April 19

Saturday, April 20

9:00 am Spring Clean Up

1:00 pm Brew Crew

Sunday, April 21

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Education

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

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 31: 289 (206 in-person)

April 7 : 212 (123 in-person)



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Adult Education | April 14 | 11:00 AM

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



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Adult Education | April 21 | 11:00 AM

MOVING MOUNTAINS TOGETHER: TWIN CITIES AFFORDABLE HOUSING

CHRIS LATONDRESSE - BEACON HOUSING PRESIDENT & CEO

Learn more about the challenges of meeting the growing need for affordable housing in the Twin Cities that will include the scale of the need, current challenges, and solutions when we decide to move mountains together.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room

• URGENT! DRIVERS NEEDED •

Meals on Wheels

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

• APRIL 18 •

ROUTES INCLUDE:

Crystal
New Hope
Robbinsdale
Golden Valley



CONTACTS:

Gail Smith
Marge Thurston
use your directory
or call the office



Valley Community

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.



11th Annual Taste of the 'Burbs

Thursday, May 9th, 2024
Time: 6:15 PM

Location: The Metropolitan
Club & Ballroom

Contact the Valley Office if you are interested in attending!



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



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



MN TWINS

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 | 1:10 PM

\$26 Per Ticket | Payable to VCPC

50 Tickets Total | Deadline May 21

SIGN-UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL OR
CONTACT THE VALLEY OFFICE 763 588 0831





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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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AND OJIBWAY)

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