



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 21, 2024

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

The Earth Prelude
Ludovico Einaudi

Rachel Williams

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child
Arr. by Moses Hogan

Jamie Marshall, tenor

OPENING SENTENCES

† Hymn #625

How Great Thou Art (verses 1,2 & 4)

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out the universe displayed:

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: (Refrain)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow In humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God how great thou art! (Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Jim Cochran

God of life, you created us in your image to care for one another and all of creation. Forgive us from turning away from you, ignoring the needs of our neighbors, and the cries of the earth. As the sun brings light and warmth to the earth, make us signs of your grace, through Christ, our light and life, 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 #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

Julie Westerlund

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Oh, How Wonderful Is The Lord
Jay Althouse

Valley Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:22-34

SERMON

So Small a Thing as That

Rev. Buff Grace

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn # 716

God, Whose Giving, Knows No Ending

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

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

Celebrate Earth Day

Barb Wasmoen

OFFERTORY

Down by the Riverside
Arr. by Mary McDonald

Jamie Marshall, tenor

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for the countless gifts you give us. For the creation that you have formed, for our time, talents, and resources, and for the gifts of the Spirit. Fill us with a vision of your new creation where all may have life abundantly, and use our gifts in service to that vision. In Christ we pray. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #370

This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees,
of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems off so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world. The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lead Me to Calvary
William J. Kirkpatrick,
arr. by J. Micah Bohannon

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, April 21

In honor of our wonderful YES Tea team and hosts! Thank you for you time and energy to make this important event possible.

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

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of comfort for **Kate O'Brien Soltau** and her family as they mourn the loss of her father Patrick O'Brien who passed earlier this week.

Continued prayers for **Charlotte Davnie** who has now completed radiation treatment for breast cancer and is now focused on rest and recovery.

Continued prayers for **Lisa Kummer** who learned from her recent scans that her cancer has continued to spread. The plan is to start a new chemo infusion on April 29 and have a MRI of her brain to see how the cancer there has responded to the radiation. She invites us all to help her fight for a cure by donating to or joining her Race for the Cure team on the May 11th. If you are interested in donating to her team you can do so by [clicking here](#). 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. After meeting with his care team they have decided that it is not causing harm and surgery is not needed at this time. Click [HERE](#) to visit Rick's Caring Bridge site.

Continued prayers for **Janet Carlson** who is recovering from back surgery and feeling stronger every day.

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 21

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:00 am Adult Education
4:00 pm Youth / TEAMS Group

Monday, April 22

6:30 pm Session Meeting
7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, April 23

6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 24

Thursday, April 25

10:00 am Meals on Wheels
10:00 am Bible Fellowship
5:30 pm 12-Step Unity
7:00 pm Gentle Yoga

Friday, April 26

Saturday, April 27

2 :00 pm YES TEA

Sunday, April 28

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:00 am Adult Education

2:00-6:00 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

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Rev. Jim Cochrane

Educational Ministries Director

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

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Mariah Messer

Music Coordinator

Rachel Williams

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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

April 7 : 212 (86 in-person)
April 14 : 185 (106 in-person)



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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



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Adult Education | April 28 | 11:00 AM

UNDERSTANDING POVERTY TODAY NATLETHA SUMO KOLLIE - CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND

Natletha will share and explain Minnesota's Deep Poverty report. This class will also discuss the work that the Children's Defense Fund and other advocacy organizations are doing to reduce poverty for families and children in Minnesota.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room



GENTLE YOGA CLASS

**The Spring Session is underway and
will run through Thursday, May 30th.**

No experience is required and it is okay
if you have to miss a week or two.

We hope to see you there!

**THURSDAYS
7:00 PM**

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

• URGENT! DRIVERS NEEDED •

Meals on Wheels

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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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!

**Fridays in
the Valley
Presents:**



Ka Trio



KAIA SAND, OBOE; KAREN HANSEN, CLARINET; KATE SAUMUR, BASSOON

Friday, May 10, 2024 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
GREATER MINNEAPOLIS CRISIS NURSERY

 Valley Community



VALLEY COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN
DONATING BLOOD THIS SPRING?

Valley will be hosting a
blood drive on
Tuesday, May 14
from **2 PM-6 PM.**



Scan the QR code
above to register.
All donors must
register in the
Memorial Blood
Centers system.

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MN TWINS

---VS---

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



Happy Birthday Valley Family!



Larry Johnson
Ben Fadell
Jeanine Miakotina
Colin Poynter
Ray Anderson
Marci Franz
Mikum Kunkel
Rob Morrow
Jim Parks
Larry Eklund
Mary Schuette
Tom McKeon
Alexandria Slack
Pat Daily
Jaxon Hein-Smith
Thomas Johannsen
Jim Saelens
Iris Hagelin
Jeff Lewis
Devin Smith
Emmett Soltau
Becca Pitan

Chelsie Larsen
Christopher Bauer
Andrew Gillett
Leone Johnson
Sam Sheldon
Betty Thorne
Rachel Williams
Becky Grosshuesch
Mike Pinter
Becky Brooking
Betsy Nichols
Mae Rudeen
Dede Hanson
Marlys Hawkins
Greg Van Heest
Andres Freeberg
Jeremy Lund
Charlie Rudeen
Camille Pinter
Jennifer Downs
Ben Sheldon
Elsie Grosshuesch
Brian Hole
Missy Rudeen



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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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Scan to give online!