



# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, April 28, 2024

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# GATHERING US IN

## PRELUDE

*Prelude in F Major* by F. Brixi Jane Nienaber, organ  
*What a Friend We Have in Jesus* arr. by Mark Jones

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Invocation in B Flat Major*  
Alexandre Guilmant

## OPENING SENTENCES

### † Hymn #15

### ***All Creatures of Our God and King*** (st. 1, 2, 3 & 6)

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! O brother sun with golden beam,  
O sister moon with silver gleam, sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother wind with clouds and rain, you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! O sister water, flowing clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear. Sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shadows of the night.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfolds such blessings on our way, sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One! Sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon

God of grace, you offer us abundance, but we confess that we have been unfaithful to you and to our covenant with one another. We have worshiped the gods of money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving you. We have not loved our neighbors as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another. Through Christ our 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 (verse 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

*Kum Ba Yah*  
Arr. By Roberta R. Davie

Handbell Choir

### SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:1-8

### SERMON

*Abide in Me*

Rev. Jim Cochrane

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### † Hymn # 450

### ***Be Thou My Vision***

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou, mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of 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

Vacation Bible Camp

Mariah Messer

### OFFERTORY

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
Alice Jordan and Wayne World

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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 #761

### *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,  
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,  
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,  
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,  
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life  
that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.

Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,  
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Toccata on All Creatures of Our God and King*  
Nicholas Choveaux

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

### **Chancel Flowers**

Sunday, April 28

Sponsored by Valerie and Scott Robinson.

In honor of our grandchildren.

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

† Please rise in body or spirit.

## Joys and Concerns

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 is going to the Mayo Clinic on Wednesday for a scan. We hope for continued success in the treatment trial in which he is currently participating in.

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.

### 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 28**

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

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Education

2:00-6:00 pm Youth / TEAMS Group

## **Monday, April 29**

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

## **Tuesday, April 30**

6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

## **Wednesday, May 1**

## **Thursday, May 2**

10:00 am Bible Fellowship

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

7:00 pm Gentle Yoga

## **Friday, May 3**

## **Saturday, May 4**

## **Sunday, May 5**

### **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, CRE

## **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**

April 14 : 185 (105 in-person)

April 21 : 230 (103 in-person)



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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**



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Adult Education | May 5 | 11:00 AM

## VALLEY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LOGO

WÓOKIYE WIN - ARTIST & GRAPHIC DESIGNER

CRYSTAL BOYD - VALLEY MEMBER

Join us to learn more about Valley's new land acknowledgement logo! Graphic designer Wóokiye Win (Katie Bendickson, Sisseton Wahpeton Dakhóta) will speak about her artistic process and the inspiration for her artwork. Like the logo says: We Are On Native Land. Also, Crystal Boyd will give an update from Valley's Land Acknowledgement Task Force.

**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!

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**THURSDAYS  
7:00 PM**

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

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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**

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## **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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**REGISTER NOW!**

**VBC  
2024**

**JUNE 11-14  
9 AM - 12 PM**

**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.



LOGO DESIGN BY WÓOKIYE WIN  
(SISSETON WAHPETON DAKHÓTA  
AND OJIBWAY)

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