

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 28, 2024

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.

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 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.

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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!

**THURSDAYS
7:00 PM**

May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30



11th Annual Taste of the 'Burbs

Thursday, May 9th, 2024

Time: 6:15 PM

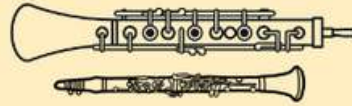
Location: The Metropolitan
Club & Ballroom

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.

 Valley Community

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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