



Valley

Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 14, 2024
2:30 PM

COMMISSIONING SERVICE
Sheila Sheldon



GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Variations on Praise to the Lord
arr. Don Freudenberg

Jane Nienaber, organ

WELCOME

Rev. Jim Cochrane

GATHERING MUSIC

Concerto in D Major for 4 Violins- Gravé
Georg Philipp Telemann

Chens/Marshalls, strings

GATHERING PRAYER

Rev. Stephanie Friant

† Hymn #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mariah Messer

Loving God, we confess that there are times in which the excitement of being in relationship with you is overshadowed by the routines of life. We keep ourselves so busy with activities we consider important that our joy of being in your presence is often diminished. We confess that we seldom set aside the time we should, to be alone with you. Forgive us, merciful God. Help us to be as excited about our relationship with Christ as we are by our social activities. Help us to live more fully for and with you through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Bill Davnie

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 #581

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, amen.

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

SPECIAL MUSIC

Concerto in D Major, I- Allegro
Georg Philipp Telemann

Chens/Marshalls, strings

MEDITATION

Rev. Dr. Alika Galloway

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn # 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant (v. 1-4)

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through. (repeat v. 1)

COMMISSIONING OF A RULING ELDER TO PASTORAL SERVICE

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:5-8

Rev. Jim Cochran
moderator

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Sheila Sheldon, ruling elder

PRAYER

WELCOME AND CHARGE

Rev. Chris Chatelaine-Samsen
Chair, Commission on Ministry

SPECIAL MUSIC

Concerto in D Major, III- Allegro
Georg Philipp Telemann

Chens/Marshalls, strings

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Allegretto
Alexandre Guilmant

Jane Nienaber, organ

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We thank you, God, for bringing us to this day, with all of its promise for days yet to come. Lead us into our future with a strong sense of hope, that where you are, we may be also; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #69

Here I Am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **(Refrain)**

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **(Refrain)**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hymn to Joy
L. van Beethoven/arr. Ian Hare

Jane Nienaber, organ

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.



Thank you for coming to celebrate this special occasion with us. Following the service please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for an ice cream social.



This Week at Valley

Sunday, April 14

2:30 pm Commissioning Service

3:30 pm Ice Cream Social

4:30 pm Youth / TEAMS Group

Monday, April 15

Tuesday, April 16

6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 17

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 18

10:00 am Bible Fellowship

Friday, April 19

Saturday, April 20

9:00 am- 12:00 pm Spring Cleanup

1:00 - 6:00 pm Brew Crew

@ The Goslinga's

Sunday, April 21

9:30 am Worship

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

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Mariah Messer

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Rachel Williams

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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 (86 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



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**



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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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