

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 5, 2024

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Come, Ye Disconsolate
Arr. by Bradley Sowash

Rachel William, piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Consolation (Op. 30, No. 3)
by Felix Mendelssohn

OPENING SENTENCES

† Hymn #14

For the Beauty of the Earth (st. 1-4)

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light: (Refrain)

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: (Refrain)

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: (Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rachel Hole

Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those who are like us, that ignores your less convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit anyone would rejoice in. How can a faith like that conquer the world? Nourish us again, to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, 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

Light Shines in the Darkness

Larry Olson

Oh the light shines in the darkness and the light will not be overcome.
In this world broken and scattered, the light will not be overcome. (repeat)

† Please rise in body or spirit.

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Everybody Hurts
by REM

Rachel Williams, Vocals

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:9-17

SERMON

A Deeper Love

Sheila Sheldon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn # 510

We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

We gather here in Jesus' name; his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through the loving Son the Father makes us one:
come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.
No one is a stranger here; everyone belongs.
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here; he breaks the bread; the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the one we love the most is now our gracious host:
come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.
We are now a family, of which the Lord is head.
Though unseen, he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing; we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
come, take the bread; come drink the wine; come, share the Lord.
come, take the bread; come drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Mental Health Awareness Month

Nancy Husnik

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

† Please rise in body or spirit.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Draw Me Close

by Kelly Carpenter, Arr. by Mark Hayes

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the bread & cup, may it nourish us so we may live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, and that we may show forth your gifts to all the world, loving others as you love us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O knit my thankful heart to thee, and reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live; myself to thee entirely give.

O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure love alone;
O may thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove; may every act, word, thought be love.

O Love, how gracious is thy way! All fear before thy presence flies;
care, anguish, sorrow melt away where'er thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire, or seek, but thee.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Come, Christians Join to Sing
Arr. by Mark Hayes

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, May 5

Sponsored by Sheila & Hunter Sheldon
In celebration of our 20th wedding anniversary.

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 to set up withdrawals directly from your account.
You can always adjust the amount.

This Week at Valley

Sunday, May 5

9:30 am Worship Service | Communion

Sheila Sheldon, preaching

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Education

4:00 pm Youth / TEAMS Group

End of The Year Picnic/Kickball game

Monday, May 6

12:00 pm Formula for Hope Luncheon

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, May 7

6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 8

Thursday, May 9

10:00 am Bible Fellowship

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

6:00 pm Taste of The Burbs Gala

7:00 pm Gentle Yoga

Friday, May 10

7:00 pm Fridays In The Valley

Saturday, May 11

Sunday, May 12

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

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 Cochran

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Sheila Sheldon, CRE

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Mariah Messer

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Rachel Williams

Choral & Handbell Director

Janet M.T. Carlson

Sunshine Room Leader

James Decker

Custodian

Hunter Sheldon

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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 21 : 230 (103 in-person)

April 28 : 185 (107 in-person)



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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**

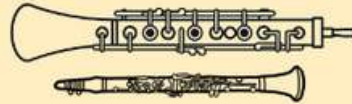
May 9, 16, 23 & 30



**Fridays in
the Valley
Presents:**



Ka Trio



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

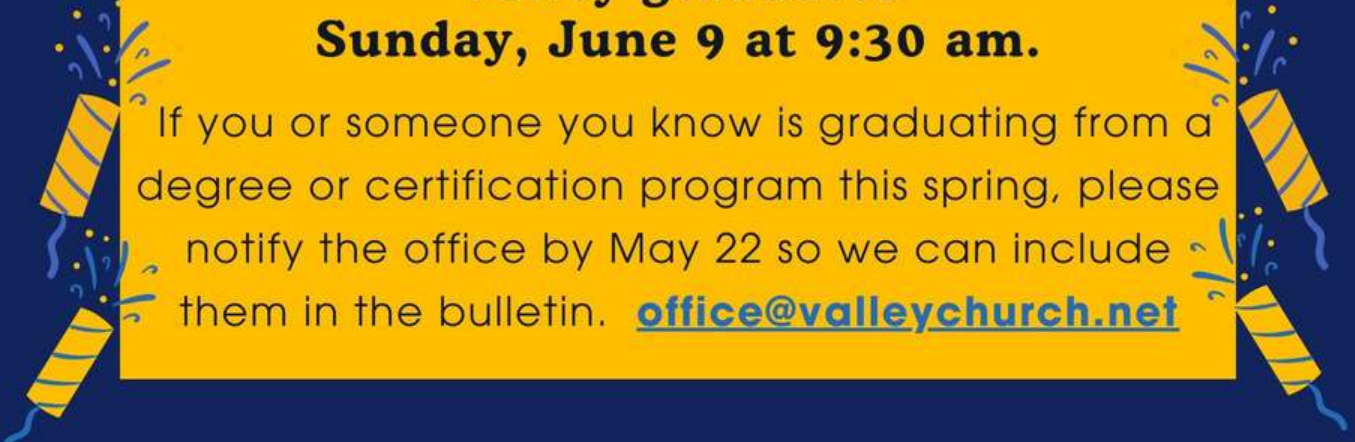
Friday, May 10, 2024 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
GREATER MINNEAPOLIS CRISIS NURSERY

 Valley Community

Do you have a graduate to celebrate this spring?

**Please join us in honoring our 2024
Valley graduates
Sunday, June 9 at 9:30 am.**



If you or someone you know is graduating from a degree or certification program this spring, please notify the office by May 22 so we can include them in the bulletin. office@valleychurch.net



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**



*Ladies'
Night Out*



**SATURDAY, MAY 18
6:30 PM**



NEW BOHEMIA | GOLDEN VALLEY
SIGN UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL!



Valley Community



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!



Greg Rom
Crystal Boyd
Bobby Tripet
Walt Hanson
Annette Nichols
William Dudley
Ana Freeberg
Jackie Goiffon
Earl Shenk
Shirley Toering
Brian Hassel
Sue Tracy
Lucas Kopischke
Elizabeth Brooker
Vivian Bi
Suzan Gibson

Abigail Bauer
Len Biggs
Kevin Hagelin
Haley Brooker
Amy Matthews
Thomas Schuette
Lloyd Olson
Jan Sacco
Herb Nichols
Jennifer Soens
Dan Priem
Carolyn Anderson
Sandra McCarthy
Kiersten Rude
Lynn Thier
Lillian LaBelle
Alexander Gillett
Ellis Mead



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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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