

# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, May 5, 2024

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# 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](mailto: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**

## **Head of Staff**

Rev. Jim Cochran

## **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 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**

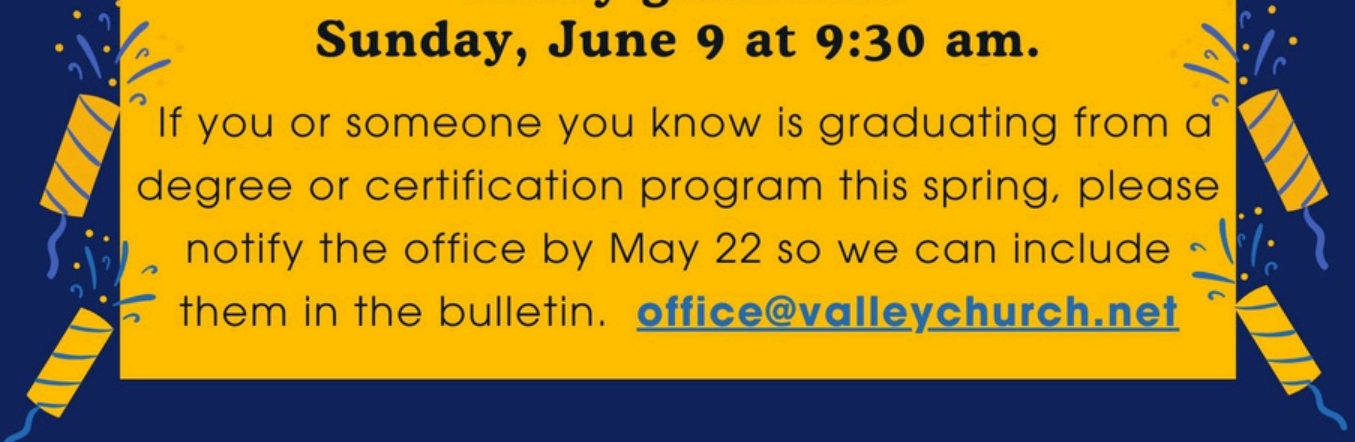
FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT  
**GREATER MINNEAPOLIS CRISIS NURSERY**

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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](mailto: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.

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**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!



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## MN TWINS

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## 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



# Valley Community

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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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