

# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, May 12, 2024

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# GATHERING US IN

## PRELUDE

*String Trio in E-Flat Major Op. 3 - VI. Allegro*  
by Ludwig van Beethoven

Devin Moran, Violin  
Sam Rudy, Viola  
Rachel Williams, Cello

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

## GATHERING MUSIC

*String Trio in E-Flat Major Op. 3 - V. Moderato*  
by Ludwig van Beethoven

## OPENING SENTENCES

### † Hymn #268

### ***Crown Him with Many Crowns***

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;  
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. But we come to you on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust. While we sing of your reign over all of creation, we act as though you are powerless in the face of today's events. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. Forgive us, O God. Help us to live with confidence in your presence today and in hope for life with you forever. Through 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*

by 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)

## HEARING THE WORD

### TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*I Want to Serve You Lord*  
by Chris Rolinson

Valley Choir

### SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:1-11

### SERMON

*Dear Theophilus*

Rev. Jim Cochrane

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### † Hymn # 462

### *I Love to Tell the Story*

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

### **Refrain:**

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. (Refrain)

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. (Refrain)

## 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.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

**OFFERTORY**

*Serenade in C major, Opus 10 - II. Romanza*  
by Ernst von Dohnanyi

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

You have called us to go out and make disciples of all nations, O God. Use our offerings of time, talents, and resources for the beauty of the world, and empower us to live out your love in all that we do. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

**SENDING US OUT**

† Hymn #295

***Go to the World!***

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.  
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,  
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go into every place.  
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.  
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;  
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.  
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
for I am with you till the age shall end,  
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!" Alleluia. Alleluia.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Serenade in C major, Opus 10 - I. Marcia*  
by Ernst Von Dohnanyi

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

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**Chancel Flowers**

Sunday, May 12

Sponsored by Jan & Joe Sacco:

In memory of Carol Rock and in honor of mothers everywhere.

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

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# Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the family of Valley member **Sarah Davis** who has recently passed away. Service arrangements are pending.

Prayers for **Pat Hoehn** who is recovering at home following a successful angioplasty on Monday, May 6th.

Prayers for **Cathy Paulson** who is recovering and doing well following her hip surgery on April 25th.

Continued prayers for **Lisa Kummer** who is moving onto a different chemo plan following complications with the last drug. 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 recently went in for scans at Mayo and learned that the cancer remained stable. They are grateful for the continued success in the treatment trial in which he is currently participating. Click [HERE](#) to visit Taichi's Caring Bridge site.

Continued prayers **for Rick Carlson** who is currently back in the hospital, and undergoing further testing. 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 12**

**9:30 am Worship Service**

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

**Monday, May 13**

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

**Tuesday, May 14**

2:00 pm Blood Drive

6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm Deacon's meeting- Library

**Wednesday, May 15**

**6:00 pm Mission Study Listening Session**

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, May 16**

10:00 am Meals on Wheels

10:00 am Bible Fellowship

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

7:00 pm Gentle Yoga

**Friday, May 17**

**Saturday, May 18**

2:00 pm Clare Terrace Barbecue

6:30 pm Ladies' Night Out

**Sunday, May 19**

**9:30 am Worship Service**

**Pentecost Sunday: Wear Your Red!**

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 28 : 185 (107 in-person)

May 5 : 195 (117 in-person)

# PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING



**A significant portion of the Pentecost Offering supports educational and inspirational events for our youth on a national level.** Seeking to unify in service those who attend these events has the aim of making our church stronger at the earliest possible generation.

In addition, our gifts will reach a helping hand and heart to children at risk, who struggle just to survive and often make it because of a simple, "we can help."

**May your giving be as generous as possible as you mark your contribution PENTECOST to be received May 19, 2024.**

**Remember to wear your RED!**




WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!

## Ministry and Mission Study Listening Sessions




- Wednesday, May 15th at 6:00pm
- Sunday, May 19th at 11:00am
- Sunday June 9th at 11:00am



These congregational listening sessions are the foundation for the Ministry and Mission Study. A light soup and salad dinner will be provided at the evening meeting on May 15th.

**SIGN UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**





## 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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## 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 16, 23 & 30**



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)

*Ladies'  
Night Out*

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

**NEW BOHEMIA | GOLDEN VALLEY**  
SIGN UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL!



**Valley Community**

# All-Church Picnic

SUNDAY, JUNE 2 | 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM

Join the Fellowship Committee in celebrating the start of summer by attending the annual Valley Picnic!

We will be serving our traditional picnic fare: hot dogs, brats, beans, and coleslaw. We are hoping for warm sunny weather so that those who want can eat outside.

**Please join us rain or shine to welcome the 1st Sunday of summer!**

CALL THE VALLEY OFFICE WITH QUESTIONS



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



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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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