



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Pentecost

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Sweet, Sweet Spirit
Doris Akers, Arr. by Mark Hayes

Rachel Williams, piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Sweet By and By
Joseph P. Webster, Arr. By Mark Hayes

OPENING SENTENCES

† Hymn #301

Let Us Build a House (verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: (Refrain)

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: (Refrain)

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon

Spirit of God, you are the breath of creation, the wind of change that blows through our lives, opening us up to new dreams, new hopes, and new life in Jesus Christ. Forgive our closed minds that barricade us against new ideas. Forgive our closed eyes that fail to see the needs of the world. Forgive our closed hands that clutch our gifts and wealth for our own use alone. Spirit of new life, forgive us and break down the prison walls of our selfishness, that we might be open to your love and open for service in your world, through Jesus 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

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

Freedom Song
Arr. By Lon Beery

Valley Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

SERMON

Looking Ahead Together

Rev. Jim Cochrane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn # 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (verses 1, 3, 4)

Refrain:

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing,
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." (Refrain)

You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.
And down in the city, you called once again
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. (Refrain)

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.

Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. (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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION Presbyterian Heritage Remembrance Sunday Carolyn Anderson

OFFERTORY

Joy in the Morning
By Natalie Sleeth

Valley Handbell Choir

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, you come among your people as the one who fashioned all things, who revealed your knowledge of our lives, and whose presence brings assurance and hope. Pour out your Spirit on us so that in hearing and seeing the gifts of this life we may know the way to live in thanksgiving. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord we pray. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #66

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain:

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.
(Refrain)

Jordan River, chilly and cold, it chills the body but not the soul.
There is but one train upon this track. It runs to heaven and then right back.
(Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
Arr. By Calvin Taylor

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, May 19

Sponsored by Roger Michael

In remembrance of his sister, Stephanie, on her 78th birthday.

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

Joys and Concerns

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

Prayers for the family of **Susan League** who passed away on May 12th. A small memorial service for family will be held next week.

Prayers for **Dennis Hinkle** who has learned that his cancer had spread. They are currently awaiting a meeting to decide on next steps.

Prayers for **Lois Robinson** who is currently at North Memorial hospital recovering from a bowel obstruction. She is getting stronger everyday and enjoys visits and cards.

Continued prayers for **Lisa Kummer** who is moving onto a new chemo plan. Recent MRI's show the effectiveness of radiation, as many of her brain lesions have shrunk or disappeared entirely! She has also raised over \$17,000 leading up to Race for the Cure this past weekend! 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**. He is back home after a brief hospitalization. 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 19

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Listening Session

Monday, May 20

6:30 pm Session Meeting

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, May 21

11:30 am Valley Men's Luncheon Group

6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 22

Thursday, May 23

10:00 am Meals on Wheels

10:00 am Bible Fellowship

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

7:00 pm Gentle Yoga

Friday, May 24

Saturday, May 25

Sunday, May 26

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, May 27 - Office Closed

In Observance of Memorial Day

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 398 members of this congregation.

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Rev. David Phillips

Rev. Nancy Phillips

Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

Rev. Aron Wilterding

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May 5 : 195 (117 in-person)

May 12 : 192 (101 in-person)

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING



Today is PENTECOST, and one of the ways we light a candle on our Christian Church's birthday cake is by giving to the Pentecost Offering. 40% of the offering stays right here in our local community. Your Session has designated that portion to support "Every Meal," the supplemental program for children facing food insecurities.

Even when meals will be provided for all students during the school week, "Every Meal" will be sure that nutrition continues every weekend, holiday, and summer weeks. Celebrating our ability to make a difference for these children, we mark our offering PENTECOST, and give because we can. Even a brown bag of supplemental food says, "Valley pays it forward." Thank you.

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

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**

• DRIVERS NEEDED •

Meals on Wheels

4TH THURSDAYS OF EVERY MONTH

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

• **MAY 23** •

ROUTES INCLUDE:

Crystal
New Hope
Robbinsdale
Golden Valley



CONTACTS:

Gail Smith
Marge Thurston
use your directory
or call the office



Valley Community



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 23 & 30

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



6th ANNUAL GOLDEN VALLEY PRIDE FESTIVAL!

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH
12:00 - 6:00 PM
BROOKVIEW PARK

200 Brookview Pkwy N,
Golden Valley, MN 55426

The festival is family-friendly with music, food vendors, bounce houses, inflatable obstacle courses, games, and MORE!

Mark your calendars and come support this amazing event in our GV community.





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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