



# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, June 2, 2024

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# GATHERING US IN

## PRELUDE

"Prelude" Op. 28, No. 15  
by Frederic Chopin

Rachel Williams, piano

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

## GATHERING MUSIC

"Lead On, O King Eternal"  
by Henry T. Smart, Arr. by Mark Hayes

## OPENING SENTENCES

### † Hymn #410

### **God Is Calling through the Whisper**

God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs,  
through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.  
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder:  
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?

God is calling through the voices of our neighbors' urgent prayers,  
through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.  
Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading:  
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?

God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,  
through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.  
Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:  
God is calling—and we hear! God is calling—and we hear!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon

Loving God, you call to us but we do not hear. You speak our name, but we assume your voice comes from our world. We assume you do not know our lives, and so we do not look for you. We pollute the creation you have given us and fail to love one another as you have loved us. Forgive us, almighty God and fill our hearts with a new life. May we hear you speaking every minute of our lives. In 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

### **Behold, Behold**

by John Bell

Behold, behold, I make all things new, beginning with you and starting from today.  
Behold, behold, I make all things new, my promise is true for I am Christ the way.

# HEARING THE WORD

## TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*"When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder"*  
by James M. Black, Arr. by Mark Hates

## SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139: 1-10

## SERMON

*Where Can I Go?*

Rev. Jim Cochrane

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## † Hymn # 69

### *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

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)

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Valley Pride*

Susie Potter

# 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

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Loving God, help us to love others as Christ has loved us. Bring us into the spiritual joy of living our lives as your friend, and teach us to abide in your love, that we may show that love to the world. Amen.

## SENDING US OUT

### LITANY OF PRAISE

Following each petition, when the leader says, "hear us when we pray," the congregation responds, **We praise you, O God.**

#### † Hymn #853

#### **We Are Marching in the Light of God**

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing . . . We are praying . . . We are singing . . .

### LITANY OF A NEW WORSHIPPING SPACE

One: Surely the Lord is in this place and we did not know it!

**All: This is none other than the house of God, the gate of heaven.**

One: Let us abide in the tents of the Almighty, finding refuge under the shelter of holy wings.

**All: And so we will always sing praises to God's name as we live out our vows day by day.**

### CLOSING PRAYER

### BENEDICTION

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

#### **Chancel Flowers**

Sunday, June 2

Sponsored by family and friends.  
In loving memory of Lois Robinson.

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

† Please rise in body or spirit.

# Joys and Concerns

**Karen Harms** asks for prayers for her house. **Dennis Hinkle** started chemo on June 4, her son Travis went into a crisis center, and her nephew who is a vulnerable adult, was assaulted on Friday night. Prayers for all to heal.

Prayers for **Aron Wilterding** who is home after being hospitalized for fluid around his lungs and heart.

Prayers of comfort for the family of **Lois Robinson** who passed peacefully at the young age of 96, surrounded by family on Monday, May 20th. A celebration of her life was held at Valley on Saturday, June 1, 2024.

Prayers for **Dale Van Beek** who recently had a successful surgery and is currently at home resting.

Continued prayers for **Lisa Kummer** who is back home after being treated at the hospital for the past two weeks. They are grateful for the outpouring of support they've received in their time there! Click [HERE](#) to visit Lisa's Caring Bridge site.

Continued prayers for **Taichi Chen** who continues his treatment for cancer. Recent scans have shown stability, and Taichi was even able to escort Emi down the aisle at her wedding last week! 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 visiting: <https://valleycommunitypresbyterianchurch.breezechms.com/give/online> 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.

# 2024 Valley Graduates



## Sammuel Decker

*Robbinsdale Cooper High School*

**Cards Welcome:** Contact the office for mailing address or use your directory.



## Alex Malecha

*Bloomington Jefferson High School*

**Future Plans:** University of St. Thomas

**Open House:** June 11 | 6-9 pm

Moir Park Picnic Shelter #1

10320 Morgan Avenue South

Bloomington, MN 55431



## Benjamin Sheldon

*St. Paul Johnson Senior High School*

**Future Plans:** Hamline University- Criminology

**Open House:** June 22 | 1-4 pm | Valley Patio

3100 Lilac Drive North

Golden Valley, MN 55422



# Other 2024 Graduates



## **Katie Daily**

Daughter of Pat Daily  
Georgetown University  
Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

## **Abby Malecha**

Daughter of Jennifer & Doug Malecha  
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
Masters Degree in Sociology

## **James Robles**

Son of Joel Freeberg  
Richfield High School  
Open House 6/9 | 4-7 PM | Contact the office for location.  
Attending University of Minnesota-Duluth in the fall.

## **William Chancellor**

Son of Karen Chancellor  
University of Minnesota  
Bachelors Degree in Computer Science

## **Adrian Musta**

Daughter of Jessica Musta  
Granddaughter of Jim Parks  
Centennial High School  
Attending St. Catherine's University in the fall.

## **Owen Tracy**

Grandson of Jay and Sue Tracy  
Stillwater High School  
Attending Hamline University in the fall.

**Congratulations  
To All!**

# This Week at Valley

## Sunday, June 2

### 9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Church Picnic

## Monday, June 3

11:30 am Lunch Bunch

7:00 pm 12- Step Meeting

## Tuesday, June 4

## Wednesday, June 5

## Thursday, June 6

10:00 am Bible Fellowship

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

## Friday, June 7

## Saturday, June 8

12:00 - 6:00 pm Golden Valley PRIDE

## Sunday, June 9

### 9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am MMS Listening Session #3

7:00 pm Fridays in the Valley

# Valley Staff

## Ministers

All 397 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

May 19 : 217 (113 in-person)

May 26 : 162 (67 in-person)

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 Lunch Bunch

MONDAY, JUNE 3RD  
11:30 AM

**50<sup>s</sup>**  
GRILL

First Monday of every month!



## 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.





WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!

# Ministry and Mission Study Listening Sessions

**Sunday, June 9th at 11:00am**



These congregational listening sessions are the foundation for the Ministry and Mission Study.



**SIGN UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**



**Fridays in  
the Valley  
Presents:**



# Marimba Bullies

**Sunday, June 9, 2024 | 7:00 PM**

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT  
**THE FATHER PROJECT**

 Valley Community



# Happy Birthday Valley Family!



Eleanor Kopischke  
Connor Gottschalk  
Lisa Kummer  
Ryne Nichols  
Alice Zieska  
Carol Bright  
Tom Magill  
Margo Morrow  
Jackie Graham  
Odin Willey  
Christy Smith  
Mike Vogel  
Lucy Feneis  
Ella Halverson  
Dan Marshall  
Bonnie Carlson  
Ann Roach  
Beth Carlson  
Catherine Parks  
Dawn Schuldt  
Steve Wasmoen

Steve Dobovsky  
Rick Carlson  
Taichi Chen  
Jean-Luc LaBelle  
Stacy Thompson  
Duncan Fadell  
Marit Willey  
Kaden Craven  
Alicia Brant  
Lia Mayer  
Larren Boyd  
Sam Malecha  
Tom Day  
Craig Michael  
Tim Grosshuesch  
Kate Reinert  
Lois Schmidt  
Ben Kummer  
Merlyn Mayer  
David Toering



# 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.



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