

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 9, 2024

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"
Arr. by Bradley Sowash

Rachel Williams, piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"
Arr. by John Carter

OPENING SENTENCES

† Hymn #409

God Is Here!

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon

God of grace, we confess that sometimes our communion is not always visible to the world. We allow threats to unity to enter the church, making it hard to see that we are your community. We act as though we do not need each other, forgetting your commandment to love one another. We march forward with our routines instead of pausing to invite Easter into our lives. Forgive us and strengthen us so that we may live in the unity that you have called us to proclaim.

Today God, help us to pause, if only for a few minutes, to witness your future unfolding before us, to savor the perspective of youth, to indulge our senses in the unknown, to bask in sheer potential. Today God, help us pause, if only for a few minutes, to hear your good news. 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

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Amazing Grace"

Connor Gottschalk

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 and Jeremiah 29: 11-13

SENIOR REFLECTIONS

Alex Malecha and Benjamin Sheldon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn # 488

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

"I was there to hear your borne cry; I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you
on. You were raised to praise the living Lord
to whom you now belong. If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses
rhyme from dusk till rising sun."

"In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've
begun. When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise."

"I was there to hear your borne cry; I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."

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

Clearwater Forest

OFFERTORY

"The Seal Lullaby"
by Eric Whitacre

Alex Malecha, piano

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thank you, God, for the joy of loving and giving, for the friendship of Christ and the opportunities you give us to serve. May these gifts be used in accordance with your love for all your people. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #733

We All Are One in Mission

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Brethren, We Have Met To Worship"
by William Moore, Arr. by Melody Bober

Rachel Williams

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

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Chancel Flowers

Sunday, June 9

Sponsored by the VCPC Education Team:
In celebration of our Valley Graduates!

† Please rise in body or spirit.

God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

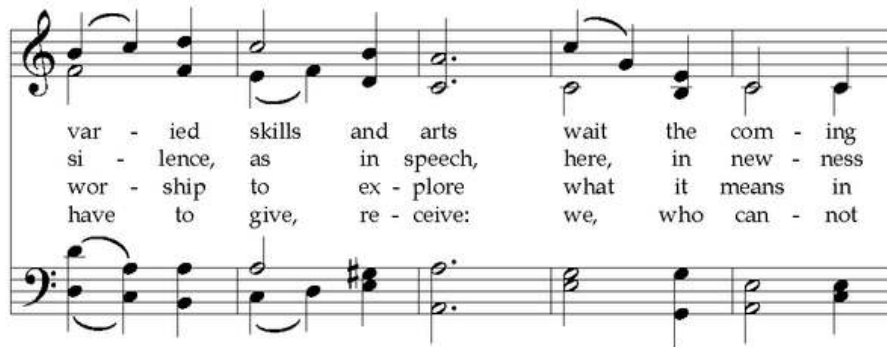
of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.



Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we



var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not



of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

488 I Was There to Hear Your Born-ing Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word, I was there to
 3 "In the mid-dle a-ges of your life, not too old, no
 you are old. I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv-ing Lord to
 lon-ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-
 see your life un-fold. I was there when you were but a
 whom you now be-long. If you find some-one to share your
 plete what I've be-gun. When the eve-ning gent-ly clos-es
 child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to
 in and you shut your wea-ry eyes, I'll be there as
 light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
 make your vers-es rhyme from dusk till ris-ing sun."
 I have al-ways been with just one more sur-prise."
 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.
 I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold."

Originally created to accompany a video series on baptism, this hymn speaks in the imagined conversational voice of God, assuring the person being baptized of God's presence throughout the changing stages of life. It offers a reminder that baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime event.

733 We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.

Joys and Concerns

Karen Harms asks for Prayers for her house. Karen's 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.

The family of **Lois Robinson** gives thanks for Valley and all the love and support given these past few weeks.

Minneapolis Police Department lost Officer **Jamal Mitchell** last week as he was responding to a shooting. Please pray for healing and peace for his family.

Prayers for **Norm Chervany** who grieves the loss of his partner Cathy Grotbeck. A memorial service was held late last week.

Continued prayers for **Dennis Hinkle** who had begun chemo as part of a cancer treatment.

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

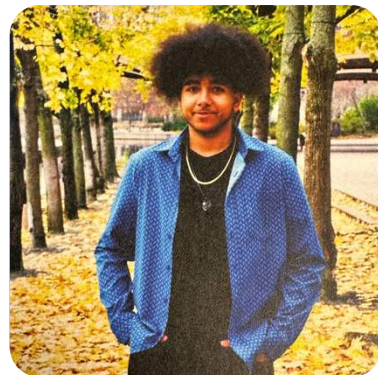


2024 Valley Graduates

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 |
Contact Valley office for more information



Benjamin Sheldon

St. Paul Johnson Senior High School

Future Plans: Hamline University- Criminology

Open House: June 22 | 1-4 pm |
Contact Valley office for more information



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 & Sue Tracy
Stillwater High School
Attending Hamline University in the fall.

**Congratulations
To All!**

This Week at Valley

Sunday, June 9 - Senior Sunday!

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am MMS Listening Session #3

7:00 pm FITV Sunday in the Valley

Monday, June 10

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, June 11

9:00 am VBC Day 1

Wednesday, June 12

9:00 am VBC Day 2

Thursday, June 13

9:00 am VBC Day 3

10:00 am Bible Fellowship

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, June 14

9:00 am VBC Day 4

Saturday, June 15

Sunday, June 16

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

1:00 pm Twins Game

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 397 members of this
congregation.

Transitional Pastor

Head of Staff

Rev. Jim Cochrane

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

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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

May 19 : 217 (113 in-person)

June 2 : 227 (129 in-person)



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

YOUTH MISSION WEEK!

**CALLING ALL YOUTH ENTERING
6TH GRADE -12TH GRADE!**

Monday, June 24 - Friday, June 28, 2024

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Thursday 6/27 Lock-in at VCPC

Mission Opportunities Will Include:

MPLS. Crisis Nursery | Monday & Tuesday

The Food Group | Wednesday

Group Field Trip & Lock-in | Thursday

Second Harvest Heartland | Friday

Sign up or have Questions contact
Sheila.sheldon@valleychurch.net

Valley Brew Crew

SATURDAY, JUNE 29 | 4:00-10:00 PM

AT THE PERRY'S HOUSE!

4 PM BOTTLING - 6PM DINNER

Sara and Jay will provide the meat and have both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. Bring a side or dessert to share, as well as the family!

All ages and beverages of all kinds are always welcome.

**CONTACT JAY PERRY OR
THE VALLEY OFFICE FOR DETAILS!**





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



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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