

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 23, 2024

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Brian Doersken

Rachel Williams

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Elegy

Brook Boddie

Lisa Beckstrom

OPENING SENTENCES

† Hymn #157

I Danced in the Morning (Verses 1, 4 & 5)

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. (Refrain)

They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mariah Messer

Merciful God, we come to you to humbly confess our sins. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our wrongdoing. Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. 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

Melopee

Didier Favre

Lisa Beckstrom

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

SERMON

A New Perspective

Sheila Sheldon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #475

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

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

Matthew 25 : Juneteenth

Janet Triplett

OFFERTORY

Edelweiss
Richard Rodgers

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we marvel at the gifts you offer us: life, breath, food, shelter, and most especially hope and peace. In response we gladly offer you our praise, our hearts, our treasures, and our lives. May these gifts serve our community and our neighbors, both near and away. In Christ we pray. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #301

Let Us Build a House (verses 1, 2, 3 & 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 love is found in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (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)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

In Christ Alone
Keith Getty

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, June 23

Sponsored by Peggy Neibling:
In memory of Betty Brooking by the Neibling/Brooking family.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for **Dick** and **Karen Sauter**. **Karen** was hospitalized last week and is receiving home hospice care.

Prayers for the family of **Tom Davison**. Tom passed away on Monday following a hospitalization. Memorial service arrangements are pending.

Prayers for former member **Michael Webb** who passed away on June 4th. A celebration of his life will take place with family on June 24th.

Aron Wilterding who now has congestive heart failure. Prayers for **Ruth Wilterding** as she continues to care for him.

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

Prayers for **Ben and Leo Kummer** and the family and friends of **Lisa Kummer**. Lisa passed away last Sunday, June 16th. **A service will be held at Valley of Peace Lutheran Church on Wednesday June 26th at 10:30 am** (visitation begins at 9:30 am). Lunch reception to follow at VCPC in Fellowship Hall. Click [HERE](#) to visit Lisa's Caring Bridge site.

Continued prayers for **Taichi Chen** whose scans continue to show stability with his cancer, thanks to the drug trial he is participating in. They express their gratitude. Click [HERE](#) to visit Taichi's Caring Bridge site.

Continued prayers **for Rick Carlson**. He is celebrating his six-month anniversary for transplants and is active and getting stronger. 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

- Click [HERE](#) to visit Valley's secured online giving site 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.

157 I Danced in the Morning

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Bm) Dm

1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
 2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but
 3 I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame. The
 4 I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black. It's
 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. †

(Em) Gm (A) C

danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
 they would not dance and they would not foll - ow me. I
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They
 I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die. I'll

(D) F (Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Bm) Dm

came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John. They
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but
 live in you if you'll live in me, †

(Em) Gm (A7) C7 (G) Bb (D) F

Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
 came with me and the dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die.
 I am the dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

This 20th-century ballad-like retelling of the life of Christ, though written for this Shaker tune, has many similarities with the pre-Reformation carol "Tomorrow shall be my dancing day." Such narrative carols were common both at Christmas and as part of medieval mystery plays.

Refrain

(F#m) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (D) (Bm)
 Am Dm Am Dm F Dm

Dance, then, wher-ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the

(Em) (A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A7) (D)
 Gm C F Dm F C7 F

Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be,

(Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
 Gm C7 F B^b F

and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Jesus Christ: Life'. It consists of three lines of music, each with a treble clef staff and a key signature of one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The first line is labeled 'Refrain' and includes the lyrics 'Dance, then, wher-ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the'. The second line includes the lyrics 'Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be,'. The third line includes the lyrics 'and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.' Above each line of music are guitar chords in parentheses, such as (F#m), (Bm), (D), (Em), (A), (A7), (G), and (Bb). The chords are placed above the staff, and the lyrics are placed below the staff. The music is written in a simple, accessible style, suitable for a church service or a children's choir.

Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F B^b C Dm

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
F C F Dm7 Gm C

safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm

how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
Gm C F B^b

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshipping community.

THE CHURCH

Refrain

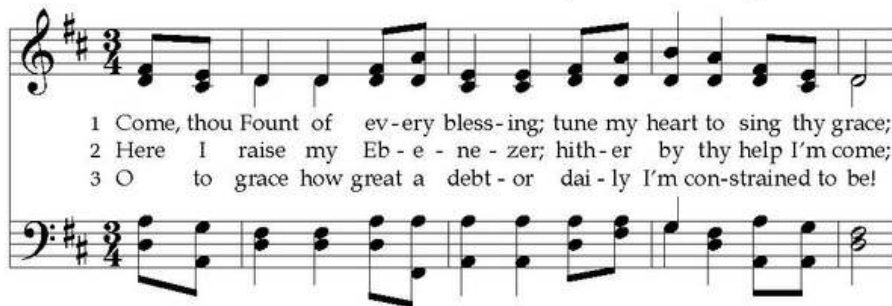
(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
 F B^b A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
 Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



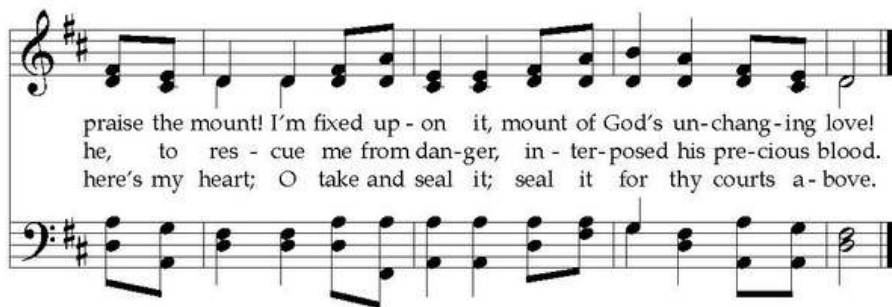
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a-bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

This Week at Valley

Sunday, June 23

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, June 24

8:30 am Youth Mission Day 1

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, June 25

8:30 am Youth Mission Day 2

6:00 pm Cabaret rehearsal

Wednesday, June 26

Celebration of Life for Lisa Kummer

9:30 am Visitation @ Valley of Peace Lutheran

10:30 am Service @ Valley of Peace Lutheran

Followed by Lunch Reception at VCPC

Thursday, June 27

8:30 am Youth Mission Day 3

10:00 am Meals on Wheels

10:00 am Bible Fellowship

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, June 28

8:30 am Youth Mission Day 4

Saturday, June 29

4:00 pm Brew Crew

6:00 pm BBQ at Perry's

Sunday, June 30

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

7:00 pm Old Friends Cabaret:

featuring Jamie Marshall

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

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Rev. Kate O'Brien Soltau

Rev. David Phillips

Rev. Nancy Phillips

Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

Rev. Aron Wilterding

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

June 9 : 233 (116 in-person)

June 16 : 171 (82 in-person)

• DRIVERS NEEDED •

Meals on Wheels

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

• JUNE 20 & 27 •

ROUTES INCLUDE:

Crystal
New Hope
Robbinsdale
Golden Valley



CONTACTS:

Gail Smith
Marge Thurston
use your directory
or call the office



Valley Community

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!**





Old Friends: A Musical Theater Cabaret

is a free concert in 90-minutes or less on **Sunday, June 30 at 7pm.**
Featuring **Jamie Marshall, Jillian Bader, and Luke Peterson**, with a free will
donation supporting their upcoming production of
**The Last Five Years with Bunce Performing Arts at Phoenix Theatre in
Uptown, Aug 30 - Sept 8.**

Golden Valley DEIC & VCPC PRESENT: HATE HAS NO HOME HERE
Islamophobia In The United States Today



Islamophobia

JULY 11, 2024 | 5:00 – 6:30 PM
Valley Community Presbyterian Church 3100 Lilac Drive N, Golden Valley

Islamophobia, the discriminatory behavior toward Muslims, has been increasing markedly in the U.S. Join us for an informational session on the impact this is having on local Muslims in our community. Learn about the Muslim community and how we can build a positive relationship with them as our neighbors.

Our speaker, Tamim Saidi, is a 2018 Bush Fellow recipient, and comes to us from the Islamic Resource Group. He is the co-founder of NWICC Board (Masjid Al Kareem, in Plymouth) and a volunteer Imam at multiple local mosques.

Saidi, who fled Afghanistan as a teenager, plays an important leadership role here in the United States, focusing on education, student support and advancement, and community outreach. He also has a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the U of MN.

WICKED WORT BREWING CO.

VALLEY SUMMER HAPPY HOUR



Saturday, July 13th

4:00- 6:00 pm

Live music begins at 7:30 pm if anyone wants to grab dinner and stay for the music!

**Sign-up in Fellowship Hall or
Contact the Valley office!**

763-588-0831 | office@valleychurch.net



James I. Rice Park Clean-up Day

SATURDAY, JULY 13 | 10:00 AM

323 W RIVER PKWY, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401



Join other members of our community for an Invasive species pull and park clean-up near Hahá Wakpadan (Bassett Creek) at James I. Rice Park in Minneapolis. This event will be a great way to care for our waterways.



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

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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