

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 14, 2024

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

He Leadeth Me

Rachel Williams, piano

William B. Bradbury, Arr. by Tracey Phillips Cooper

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Sarabande

Johannes Brahms

OPENING SENTENCES

† Hymn #65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon

God of grace, you offer us abundance, but we confess that we have been unfaithful to you and to our covenant with one another. We have worshiped the gods of money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving you. We have not loved our neighbors as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another. Through 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 #411

God is Here Today

God is here today; as certain as the air I breathe,
as certain as the morning sun that rises,
as certain when I sing you'll hear my song.

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

On Jordan's Stormy Banks
M. Durham, Arr. by Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE READING

Amos 7:7-15

SERMON

Good Trouble

Rev. Jim Cochrane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn # 731

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm

Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all around seems bleak:
on God's good promise they rely, so while they live and when they die
how forcefully they speak: the strong, who once were weak!

Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, beyond mere mortal sight:
who seek the city God has planned, the true, eternal promised land,
and steer on toward that light, a beacon ever bright.

Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a sparkling precious stone:
they show by what they say and do an inward beauty, warm and true,
for God's concerns they own: God's love through them is known.

Give thanks for saints of ages past and saints alive today:
though often by this world despised, their hearts by God are richly prized.
Give thanks that we may say we share their pilgrim way.

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

Meals on Wheels

Gail Smith

OFFERTORY

He Who Began a Good Work in You
Jon Mohr, Arr. by Mark Hayes

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, from whom comes everything that is good, we give you thanks for all your gifts: for the wondrous work of your creation, the blessing of your Spirit, and the saving mystery of faith. Help us share our gifts with others, to serve your mission in the world, and to tell the Good News day to day. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story; here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

BENEDICTION

The Solid Rock

William B Bradbury, Arr. by Melody Bober

POSTLUDE

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, July 14

Sponsored by Roger Graphenteen:
In Memory of my daughter Allyson Rose.

Sign up for chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall or [click here](#).

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

God Is Here Today

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Dios está aquí

Capo 2: (D) (A7) (Bm) (D7) (G)
E B7 C#m E7 A

God is here to - day; as cer - tain
Dios es - tá a - quí, tan cier - to co - mo el

(A7) (D) (D7) (G)
B7 E E7 A

as the air I breathe, as cer - tain
ai - re que res - pi - ro, tan cier - to co - mo

(A7) (D) (A/C#) (Bm) (D/A)
B7 E B/D# C#m E/B

as the morn - ing sun that ris - es, as
la ma - ña - na se le - van - ta, tan

(G) (A7) (D)
A B7 E

cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.
cier - to co - mo que le can - to y me pue - de o - ír.

Though it is popular throughout Latin America, the conditions of this song's creation have remained obscure. It was once thought to have originated in a Mexican jail but is now known to have been written by an Argentinian who has also lived in the United States and Colombia.

731

Give Thanks for Those
Whose Faith Is Firm

Capo 1: (D) (A) (Bm) (G)
E^b B^b Cm A^b



1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -
2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere
3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling
4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -

(D) (A) (D) (G) (Em) (A) (F[#]m)
E^b B^b E^b A^b Fm B^b Gm



round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so
mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the
pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an
live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their

(Bm) (G) (Em) (A7) (D)
Cm A^b Fm B^b7 E^b



while they live and when they die how force - ful -
true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on
in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -
hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that

(A7) (B) (Em) (G) (A7) (D)
B^b7 C Fm A^b B^b7 E^b



ly they speak: the strong, who once were weak!
toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.
cerns they own: God's love through them is known.
we may say we share their pil - grim way.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The first three stanzas of this text are organized around the three great virtues—faith, hope, and love—mentioned in 1 Corinthians 13:13. These have indeed been the marks of the faithful people of God always and everywhere, and the final stanza sums up our gratitude for them.

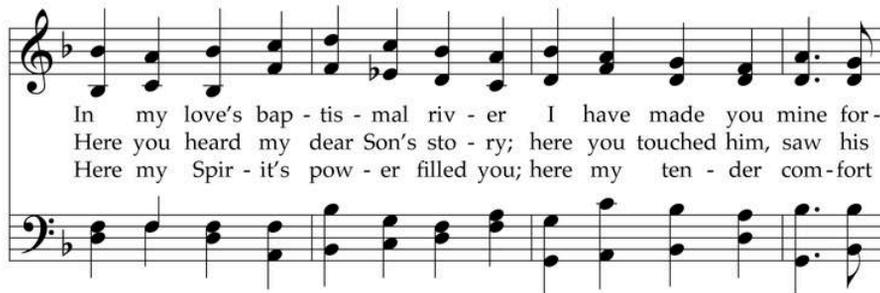
Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547



1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22–27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.

Joys and Concerns

Karen Harms asks for prayers of healing for her family. Her sister recently had a stroke and is having issues with her speech. Prayers for her son Travis who had an allergic reaction to a new medication and needed to be on a ventilator for a few days. They are both home resting and recovering after a scary week for all.

Prayers for the family of **Karen Sauter**, who passed away last Saturday. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, July 23rd at 2 PM. The service will be at Valley of Peace Lutheran Church with reception to follow at VCPC.

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

The **Messer Family** gives thanks to everyone for your prayers, emails, texts, cards, and messages following Rory's accident. She is looking and feeling really good. Her face is healing so well and quickly and she has appreciated hearing from her Valley family all week! Thanks to you all for your love and support.

Continued prayers for **Dennis Hinkle** who has begun a new treatment as chemo was very hard on him. He thanks Valley for all the ongoing support.

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.

To visit Taichi's Caring Bridge site [click here](#)

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

To visit Rick's Caring Bridge site [click here](#)

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.

This Week at Valley

Sunday, July 14

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, July 15

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, July 16

11:30 am Valley Men's Luncheon Group

Wednesday, July 17

Thursday, July 18

10:00 am Meals on Wheels

5:30 pm 12 Step Meeting

Friday, July 19

Saturday, July 20

Sunday, July 21

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Valley Staff

Ministers

All 393 members of this congregation.

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Rev. David Phillips

Rev. Nancy Phillips

Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

Rev. Aron Wilterding

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

June 30: 156 (72 in-person)

July 7: 180 (78 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!

• DRIVERS NEEDED •

Meals on Wheels

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

• JULY 18 & 25 •

ROUTES INCLUDE:

Crystal
New Hope
Robbinsdale
Golden Valley



CONTACTS:

Gail Smith
Marge Thurston
use your directory
or call the office



Valley Community



CLEARWATER CHRYSALIS WOMEN'S RETREAT

AUGUST 15-18, 2024

OPTIONAL SERVICE DAY - AUGUST 14

Visit www.clearwaterforest.org/clearwater-chrysalis
for more information and to register

PRESBYTERIAN CLEARWATER FOREST
CONTACT CLEARWATER WITH QUESTIONS
218-678-2325
REGISTER SOON!
THERE ARE ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT!





Make meals, not waste.

Join us in taking an in-depth look at what happens to the food we buy. Take practical actions to prevent food from going to waste and make the most of your resources.

To join our team [click here](#) or scan the QR Code with your phone's camera.



VALLEY NIGHT OUT!

Invite your friends, family, and neighbors!
Come for a potluck dinner we'll grill, you bring a side or dessert to share
stay for the show.

All are welcome

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4
DINNER - 5:30PM | SHOW - 7:00PM

We're grilling hotdogs & hosting a performance of **Open Eye Theater's** *MOLLY AND THE MAGIC BOOT!*





YOUTH MISSION OPPORTUNITY!

**YOUTH ENTERING
5TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE!**

Friday, August 2nd

11:00 AM-1:00 PM at PRISM

**Help sort school supplies for PRISM's
Back to School Supply Drive! Youth
entering 5th grade & older
are invited to volunteer.
Carpool from VCPC leaves
at 10:45 AM**

To sign up contact Sheila at:
Sheila.sheldon@valleychurch.net



PRISM

**DROP-OFF OR SHIP
DIRECTLY TO
VALLEY BY AUG 5**

**INTERESTED IN
VOLUNTEERING?
CONTACT PRISM**

Back to School Drive 2024

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST (ALL AGES)

Most Needed items:

Backpacks (Most Needed)

Glue Sticks

Markers/Colored Pencils

#2 Pencils

Dry Erase Markers

Fiskars Scissors

Plastic Pencil Boxes/Pencil Bags

1" 3-Ring Binders

1 Subject Notebooks (college and wide ruled)

Reinforced Filler Paper (college ruled)

Composition Notebook (college ruled)



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please contact PRISM's
volunteer coordinator
Colette with questions
about volunteering
(763) 432-4230



SUMMER 2024

Echo Service
Sunday, August 25th
@ 9:30 AM



VALLEY MEN'S RETREAT 2024

Presbyterian
Clearwater Forest
September 27-29

Sign-Up in Fellowship Hall
-or-
Contact the Church Office



Happy Birthday Valley Family!



Renee Desarmeaux

Jeanne Ewald

Darrell Rathje

Rachel Tarbell

Ruth Tjaden

Denise Kara

Marcia Lubin

Roger Michael

Neal Gusek

Erin Kopischke

Scott Robinson

John Toering

Justin Toering

Bonnie Ulmer

Lisa Tarbell

Pete Zywicki

Benjamin Marshall

Irene Williams

Henry Grosshuesch

Anthony Kovacovich

Nathanial Slack

Robin Chen

Cole Priem

Bill Keen

Don Kovacovich

Jessica Musta

Adrian Musta

Kathie Holman

Ty Miller

Peggy Oberfeld

Joel Freeberg

Peggy Neibling

Richard Martens

Charlotte Davnie

Drew Heinonen

Jill Toering

Wendy Bauer

Kaylee Deef

Mersiha (Dada) LaBelle

Mary Pukite Morrow

Sue Payne



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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