

# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, July 21, 2024

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# GATHERING US IN

## PRELUDE

"Spirit Medley"  
Arr. by Mark Hayes

Rachel Williams, piano

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

## GATHERING MUSIC

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"  
Arr. by Craig Courtney in the style of Satie

## OPENING SENTENCES

### † Hymn #320

***The Church of Christ in Every Age*** (verses 1, 3, 5)

The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit-led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord: to care for all, without reserve, and spread Christ's liberating word.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon

Merciful God, you made us in your image with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But we have instead found comfort in the powers of this world that harm our neighbors. We have sought to pit neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. Our drive for selfish gain have laid waste to the land and polluted the sea. In your almighty mercy, forgive us we pray. Bring us closer to you and strengthen us to love just as you have first loved us. Through 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 #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

*"Sancta Dorothea"*  
Franz Liszt

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Mark 6:30-34, 53-56*

## SERMON

*The Life-Changing Magic of Showing Up*

Rev. Jim Cochran

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## † Hymn #302

### ***When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace***

When hands reach out and fingers trace the beauty of a loved one's face,  
we thank you, God, that love relies on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.

When fingers spell and signs express our prayer and praise and thankfulness,  
we thank you, God, that hands can sing; you bless the silent songs we bring.

When broken bodies will not mend, we thank you, God, for Christ our friend.  
In him, our healing can begin: he welcomes all the wounded in.

And when the ways we learn and grow are not the ways that others know,  
we thank you, God, that we have learned your love's a gift, and never earned.

Your Spirit gives us differing ways to serve you well and offer praise.  
When all are joined as one, we'll be your able, strong community.

## 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

PRISM Back to School Success Drive

Sarah Fadell

## OFFERTORY

*"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"*  
Arr. by John Carter

## 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 money, 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 #761

### ***Called as Partners in Christ's Service*** (verses 1 & 2)

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,  
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,  
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

## BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*"Victory in Jesus"*  
Eugene M. Bartlett, Arr. by Melody Bober

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

### **Chancel Flowers**

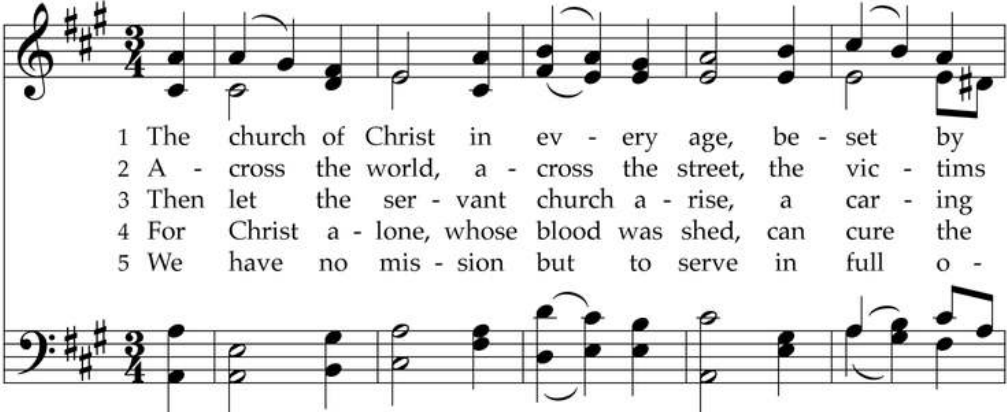
Sunday, July 21

Sponsored by Cheryl Smith:

In Honor of my parents Ken & Gay Smith.

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

## 320 The Church of Christ in Every Age



1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.

## God Is Here Today

411

*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



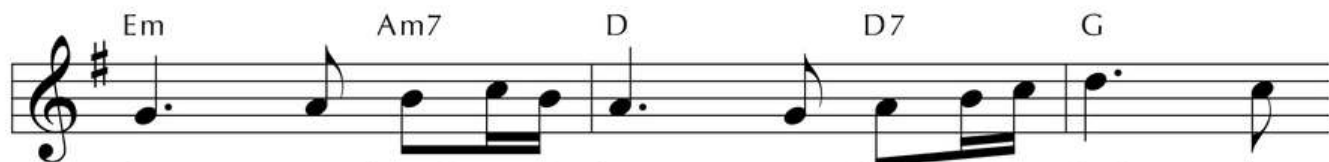
cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.  
*cier - to co - mo que le can - to y me pue - de o - ír.*

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.

# When Hands Reach Out and 302 Fingers Trace



1 When hands reach out and fin - gers trace the beau - ty  
 2 When fin - gers spell and signs ex - press our prayer and  
 3 When bro - ken bod - ies will not mend, we thank you,  
 4 And when the ways we learn and grow are not the  
 5 Your Spir - it gives us dif - fer - ing ways to serve you



of a loved one's face, we thank you, God, that  
 praise and thank - ful - ness, we thank you, God, that  
 God, for Christ our friend. In him, our heal - ing  
 ways that oth - ers know, we thank you, God, that  
 well and of - fer praise. When all are joined as

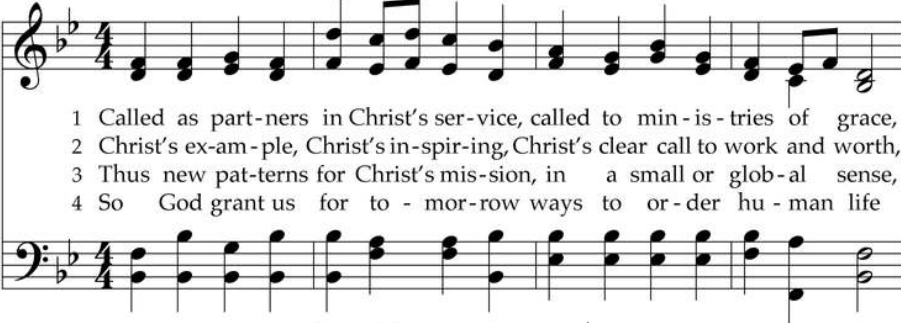


love re - lies on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.  
 hands can sing; you bless the si - lent songs we bring.  
 can be - gin: he wel - comes all the wound - ed in.  
 we have learned your love's a gift, and nev - er earned.  
 one, we'll be your a - ble, strong com - mu - ni - ty.

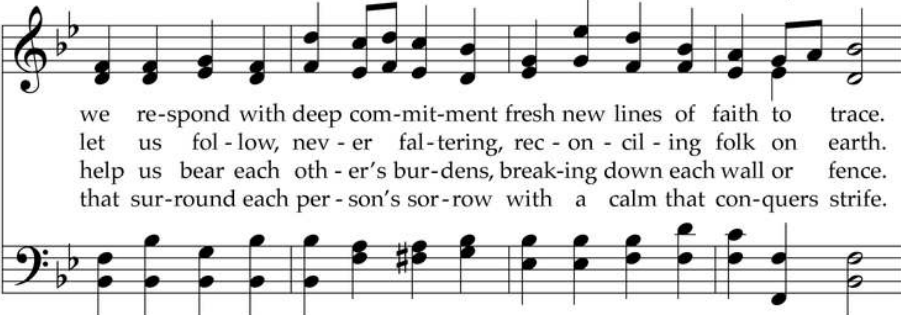
*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This hymn celebrates the breadth of human diversity and the variety of gifts and abilities through which God's people serve the church and world. Incorporating such diversity provides a vital witness to the hospitality of Christian community and to the inclusive nature of love.

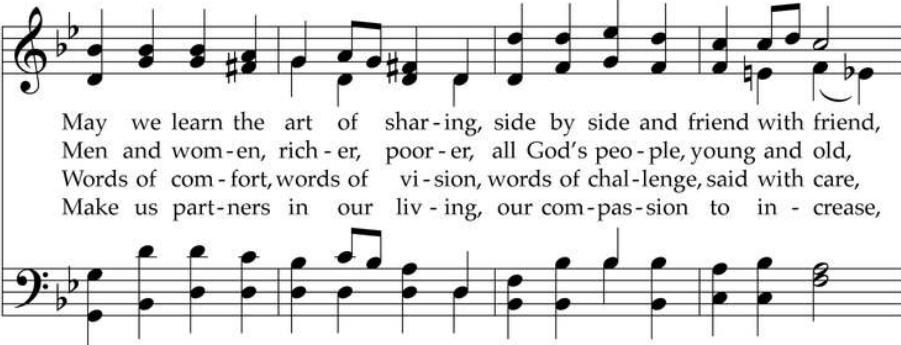
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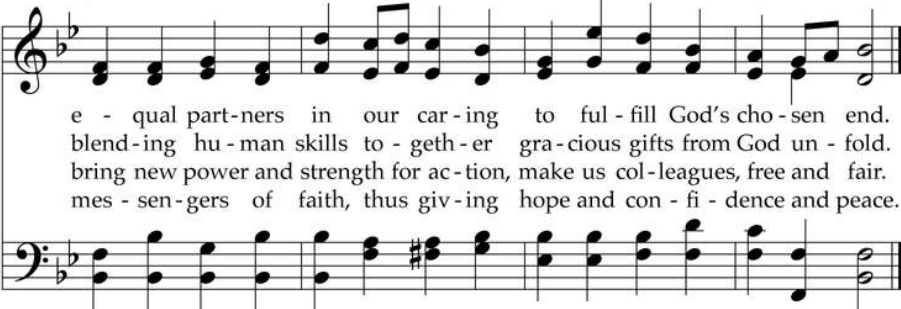
1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,  
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,  
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.  
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.  
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,  
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,  
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,  
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.  
 blend-ing hu-man skills to - geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.  
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.  
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.



# Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the family of **Karen Sauter**, who recently passed away. Her service will be Tuesday, July 23rd at 2 PM at Valley of Peace Lutheran Church with reception to follow at VCPC.

Prayers for **Jeff Lund** who is home after a stay in the hospital to treat pneumonia, prayers for stability in his health.

Prayers for **Carolyn Kaehr** who is in hospice at home and doing well. Cards are welcomed.

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

Continued prayers for **Dennis Hinkle** who has begun a new chemo treatment and it seems to be going well. He thanks Valley for all the ongoing support.

Prayers for **Susie Potter**. Before starting chemotherapy a colonoscopy has been scheduled for this week. Chemo to follow soon after. Thank you Valley family for your prayers, cards, text messages & support. Feeling very grateful & feeling your love!

Prayers for **Becky Brooking** who is had total hip replacement surgery on Monday 7/15.

Peggy Meyer asks for prayers for **Chuck Meyer** who had a successful Watchman procedure on his heart last week and will move to the rehab unit at Covenant Living to work on getting stronger.

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

- To visit Valley's secured online giving site [click 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](mailto:chelsie.larsen@valleychurch.net) to set up withdrawals directly from your account. You can always adjust the amount.

# This Week at Valley

## Sunday, July 21

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

## Monday, July 22

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

## Tuesday, July 23

## Wednesday, July 24

## Thursday, July 25

10:00 am Meals on Wheels

5:30 pm 12 Step Meeting

## Friday, July 26

## Saturday, July 27

## Sunday, July 28

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

# Valley Staff

## Ministers

All 393 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

July 7: 180 (78 in-person)

July 14: 186 (83 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 25 •

## ROUTES INCLUDE:

Crystal  
New Hope  
Robbinsdale  
Golden Valley



## CONTACTS:

**Gail Smith**  
**Marge Thurston**  
use your directory  
or call the office



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## Stop Food Waste Challenge

### 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.

Scan the QR Code with your phone's camera or sign up in the Fellowship Hall.





# 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](mailto:Sheila.sheldon@valleychurch.net)



## 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!*





# 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**



## VALLEY MEN'S RETREAT 2024

Presbyterian  
Clearwater Forest  
September 27-29

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

# SUMMER GOLF EVENT

BRIGHTWOOD HILL GOLF COURSE OF NEW BRIGHTON

**Sunday, August 18, 2024**

**Tee Times start at 3:00 pm**

Golfers & Non-Golfers Welcome



## FELLOWSHIP & PIZZA

After golfing or just for dinner, join us for a slice at **Adagio's Pizza Factory**.  
2052 Silver Lake Rd., New Brighton

SPONSORED BY FAMILY MINISTRIES.

## TICKETS

**Adults \$20 | Kids 12 & under \$15**

A portion of each ticket supports the Y.E.S. Youth Education Scholarship Fund.

SIGN-UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL OR  
CONTACT THE VALLEY OFFICE TO SIGN-UP!  
763-588-0831 OFFICE@VALLEYCHURCH.NET



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# SUMMER 2024

Echo Service

Sunday, August 25th

@ 9:30 AM





# 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

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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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(SISSETON WAHPETON DAKHÓTA  
AND OJIBWAY)

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