



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 7, 2024

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

"Great Things He Has Done"

Rachel Williams, piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

"Take My Hand, Precious Lord"
Thomas A Dorsey

Matt Weiss, guitar & vocals

OPENING SENTENCES

† Hymn #468

In My Life

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In our song, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In our song, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus 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

"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"
Kenneth Morris

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

SERMON

Faithful Contentedness

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #300

We Are One in the Spirit

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Refrain)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Immigration Sunday

Arlene Freeberg

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

SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP

MUSICAL REFLECTION

"Keep on the Sunny Side"

Ada Blenkhorn

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the bread & cup, may it nourish us so we may live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, and that we may show forth your gifts to all the world, loving others as you love us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #769

For Everyone Born (vs. 1, 3 & 5)

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain:

and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong,
(Refrain)

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free,
(Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken"

Haydn, Arr. by Melody Bober

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, July 7

Sponsored by Karen Harms.
Remembering mom and dad.

Sign up for chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Joys and Concerns

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.

Prayers for **Rory Messer** who was bitten by a dog last Monday. Her vision and mouth were unharmed, but she needed around 30 stitches. She has been incredibly brave and healing is going well. Prayers for her continued healing and for the whole family as they navigate this time.

Prayers for **Susie Potter** whose tumor markers have increased slightly. An upcoming CT scan will help determine what might be happening and set a course of action.

Prayers for **Jeff Lund** who was in North Memorial Maple Grove last weekend. He has needed IV antibiotics to treat an ongoing infection.

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

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In My Life

Lord, Be Glorified



1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.
 2 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.
 3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.
 4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.



In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.



We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

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For Everyone Born

E *Leader or All* A2

1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,

E A2 B sus B

for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,

F#m7 E/G# A2 B sus

a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

E B sus E B sus

for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Refrain

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and
 joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,
 God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,
 jus-tice and joy!

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

This Week at Valley

Sunday, July 7

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, July 8

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, July 9

Wednesday, July 10

Thursday, July 11

5:00 pm Islamophobia seminar at VCPC
co-hosted with the Golden Valley DEIC

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, July 12

Saturday, July 13

All Day! Clearwater Forest Fest

10:00 am Rice Park Clean Up

4:00 pm Valley Summer Happy Hour

Sunday, July 14

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Valley Staff

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All 397 members of this congregation.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

June 23 : 212 (90 in-person)

June 30 : 156 (72 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!

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.



July 13, 2024 (all day)
CLEARWATER FOREST FEST
Free Event Open to the Public

Free Dinner & Live Music

For more info [click here](#)

- **7:30 am - Bike Ride with 8, 30, and 50 mile options**
- **Noon - Lunch available for purchase in the Dining Hall**
- **2 pm - the Adventure-a-Thon begins!**
- **3:30 pm - Awards**
- **4:30- 6 pm - Chad Elliott Live Music**
- **6 pm - Free Pig Roast Dinner is served!**
- **6:30-8 pm - John Hermanson Live Music**



16595 Crooked Lake Road
Deerwood, MN 56444

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 Hāhā Wakpadan (Bassett Creek) at James I. Rice Park in Minneapolis. This event will be a great way to care for our waterways.



Valley Community

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





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!



• 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



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!*



 Valley Community

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

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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