

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 18, 2024

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

"The Old Rugged Cross"
George Bennard, arr. by Mark Hayes

Rachel Williams, piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

"This Lonely Road"
Matt Weiss

Matt Weiss, vocals & guitar

OPENING SENTENCES

† Hymn #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (vs. 1, 2, 4)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Show us the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding with mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. 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 #591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

† Please rise in body or spirit.

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

Julie Westerlund

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

SPECIAL MUSIC "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"
Wallace Willis

SCRIPTURE READING *1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14*

SERMON *The Voice of Wisdom*

Rev. Jim Cochrane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #450

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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

Public Education

Rachel Hole

OFFERTORY

“Amazing Grace”
John Newton

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 #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“This Lonely Road”
Matt Weiss

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, August 18

Samantha & Jon Schellhaas

In celebration of our 11th wedding anniversary!

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for church member **Cynthia Malinowski's** nephew, **Jake McQuillan**, who passed away last Tuesday from cancer. He was 21 years old.

Prayers for **Dennis Hinkle** who has decided to quit chemo as his cancer has continued to spread. He will be living with his niece in Cottage Grove.

Prayers for **Marlys Hawkins**, who passed away in her sleep, early Sunday morning, August 11th. She was 94 years of age and a member since 1963

Prayers of comfort for **Peggy Meyer**, as well as family/friends of the Meyer family as they grieve the sudden loss of **Chuck Meyer** who passed away last Tuesday, July 30th. A memorial service will be held at Valley on September 16th at 2:00pm.

Prayers for **Scott Robinson** who underwent a heart ablation on Thursday, August 15th.

Prayers for **Aron Wilterding** who passed away on Monday, August 5th. Please send thoughts and prayers to **Ruth Wilterding** as well as the rest of Aron's family. A memorial will be held this fall.

Prayers for **Susie Potter** who was recently diagnosed with colon cancer. After undergoing a PET scan, she and her care team have determined that the next step in her treatment will be colon surgery. The procedure will be scheduled soon.

Prayers for **Carolyn Kaehr** who is in hospice at home and doing well. Phone calls and cards are appreciated.

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 go to: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen>

Continued prayers for **Rick Carlson**. Who is back to work and continuing to get stronger. To visit Rick's Caring Bridge site go to: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/rickcarlson101>

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.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)
 Eb Ab Eb/G Bb7 Eb

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)
 Bb Eb Ab Bb

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)
 Ab Eb Gm7 Ab Bb

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)
 Cm Eb/G Ab Eb

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness!
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
날 마 다 자 비 를 배 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

This Week at Valley

Sunday, August 18

9:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
3:00 pm Golf Outing
5:30 pm Pizza Dinner at Adagio's Pizza
Factory in New Brighton

Monday, August 19

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, August 20

11:30 am Valley Men's Luncheon Group

Wednesday, August 21

Thursday, August 22

10:00 am Meals on Wheels
5:30 pm 12 Step Meeting

Friday, August 23

Saturday, August 24

Sunday, August 25

9:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Notice of Recording: Please note that services are broadcasted via live stream and digitally recorded on our YouTube Channel.

Special thanks to our Stream Team: Katie Decker, Roger Graphenteen, Myron Jones, Larry Johnson, Joel Larsen, Brandon Novy, Janet Triplett, and Kurt Wheeler for broadcasting the services!

Valley Staff

Ministers

All 393 members of this congregation.

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Rev. Jim Cook
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Rev. Nancy Phillips
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SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

August 4: 220 (101 in-person)
August 11: 216 (79 in-person)

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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• DRIVERS NEEDED •

Meals on Wheels

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

• AUGUST 15 & 22 •

ROUTES INCLUDE:

Crystal
New Hope
Robbinsdale
Golden Valley



CONTACTS:

Gail Smith
Marge Thurston
use your directory
or call the office



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SUMMER 2024

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



NAMI WALK

*National Alliance
on Mental Health*

5k Walk (3.1 miles)

**SIGN-UP TO WALK/DONATE
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

All together for mental health for all!

It's not how far we walk.
It's how far we have come.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Minnehaha Falls Regional Park

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Optional carpool from
Valley at 10:30am



Valley Community

Homecoming Sunday

A Family Affair

SEPT. 8TH

9:30AM WORSHIP

IN SANCTUARY

Celebrate the return of worship in the Valley Sanctuary!
After worship we will gather for fellowship & potluck lunch in Fellowship Hall.
Brats & hot dogs provided, bring a side/dessert to share.

LAST NAMES A-L
DESSERT

Don't miss this special day!

LAST NAMES M-Z
SIDE DISH

BOUNCY HOUSE ● DIRECTORY UPDATE INFO
PHOTO BOOTH ● REGISTER FOR FALL PROGRAMS

VALLEY MEN'S RETREAT 2024

Presbyterian
Clearwater Forest
September 27-29


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



LOOKING AHEAD


PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This summer, the Ministry and Mission Study Committee is hard at work turning all of the feedback received from the listening sessions and surveys into a document that accurately represents our congregation. When that is completed, it will be time for the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) to get to work.



If you are interested in serving on the PNC or would like to learn more, we would love to hear from you. If you would like to be considered to serve on the committee, email Mary Dunham (Head of the Nominating Committee) at marykdmn@gmail.com.

General Questions can be directed to Pastor Jim at jim.cochrane@valleychurch.net.



Need to reach a pastor?

Contact us



If you have a pastoral emergency or need to speak to Rev. Jim Cochrane call the Valley Pastoral Care Line. This number will always reach a member of our pastoral care team, if pastor Jim is unavailable the number will be answered by Sheila Sheldon, CRE.



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Happy Birthday Valley Family!



Michael Deef
Larry Matthews
Sofie Vogel
Jack Westerlund
Richard Marshall
Rev. Bill Davnie
Donald Carlson
Dawn Williams
Ruth Wilterding
Luke Priem
Jessica Goslinga
Jack Larsen
Sean Linc
Miles Rudeen
Douglas Smith
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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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