



# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, August 11, 2024

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# GATHERING US IN

## PRELUDE

Sue Ruby, piano

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

## GATHERING MUSIC

## OPENING SENTENCES

† Hymn #386 (vs. 1, 3)

### ***Come, Worship God***

Come, worship God, who is worthy of honor;  
enter God's presence with thanks and a song!  
You are the rock of your people's salvation  
to whom our jubilant praises belong.

We are your people, the sheep of your pasture;  
you are our Maker, and to you we pray.  
Gladly we kneel in obedience before you;  
great is the one whom we worship this day!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Jim Cochrane

God of peace, we have rejected your redemption and forged our own way. We hang between heaven and earth, caught up in our own folly. We have held fast to falsehood, deceiving others and ourselves. We have sinned against you and done violence to others. Bitterness and wrath, anger and wrangling, slander and malice consume us. Evil runs rampant in our hearts. If you, O Lord, should mark our iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you so that you may be revered. Our soul waits in hope for your word to redeem us so that we may begin anew, a new day with you. 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!

# HEARING THE WORD

## TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

## SPECIAL MUSIC

## SCRIPTURE READING

*John 6: 35, 41-51*

## SERMON

*Out of the Ordinary*

Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## † Hymn #456

### ***Listen, God Is Calling***

#### **Refrain:**

Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,  
offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.

Jesus gave his mandate: share the good news  
that he came to save us and set us free. (refrain)

Let none be forgotten throughout the world.  
In the triune name of God go and baptize. (refrain)

Help us to be faithful, standing steadfast,  
walking in your precepts, led by your Word. (refrain)

## 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

The Posture of Being One Who Gives

Jennie Minter

## OFFERTORY

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous, transforming God, thank you for the blessing of honest labor, through which you have provided these gifts for our hands to share with those in need. We dedicate them now as an expression of your love for the world, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #837

### *What A Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

#### **Refrain:**

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
(Refrain)

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
(Refrain)

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

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

### CHANCEL FLOWERS

#### **Sponsors Needed!**

To sponsor Chancel Flowers sign up online, call the office  
or at the event table outside Fellowship Hall.

# Joys and Concerns

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 Tuesday, July 30th. A memorial service will be held this fall in the sanctuary at Valley.

Prayers for **Rev. Aron Wilterding** who passed away on Monday, 8/5. 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 diagnosed with colon cancer. Her PET scan is scheduled for this week. The results will determine whether chemo is first or surgery.

Prayers for **Carol Bright** and her family as they mourn the loss of her 23 year old grandson **Daniel Bright** who was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident last week in Texas.

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

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.

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](mailto:chelsie.larsen@valleychurch.net) to set up withdrawals directly from your account. You can always adjust the amount.

## 386

## Come, Worship God

(Psalm 95)

1 Come, wor - ship God, who is wor - thy of hon - or;  
 2 Ruled by your might are the heights of the moun - tains;  
 3 We are your peo - ple, the sheep of your pas - ture;  
 4 Now let us lis - ten, for you speak a - mong us;

en - ter God's pres - ence with thanks and a song!  
 held in your hands are the depths of the earth.  
 you are our Mak - er, and to you we pray.  
 o - pen our hearts to re - ceive what you say.

You are the rock of your peo - ple's sal - va - tion  
 Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,  
 Glad - ly we kneel in o - be - dience be - fore you;  
 Peace be to all who re - mem - ber your good - ness,

to whom our ju - bi - lant prais - es be - long.  
 God a - bove all gods, who gave us our birth.  
 great is the one whom we wor - ship this day!  
 trust in your word, and re - joice in your way!

Psalm 95, often called *Venite* from its first word in Latin, has long served as an opening canticle in the worship of Western Christianity. John Calvin found here two reasons to praise God: for sustaining the created world and for adopting the church into a gracious relationship.

## 591 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Refrain

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

hal - le -

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -

hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

*Fine*

## Listen, God Is Calling

456

## Neno lake Mungu

Refrain

*Leader* *All*

Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,  
Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,

of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.  
ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.

*Leader* *All*

1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news  
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.  
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

*Leader* *All* *to Refrain*

that he came to save us and set us free.  
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.  
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

This anonymous Swahili hymn from Kenya follows a pattern of traditional African music (refrain, call-and-response stanzas, refrain) also common in African American spirituals. This text affirms that God's inviting and forgiving call can still be heard through the written Word.





# This Week at Valley

## Sunday, August 11

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

## Monday, August 12

7:00 pm 12 Step Meeting

## Tuesday, August 13

Primary voting at Valley

## Wednesday, August 14

## Thursday, August 15

10:00 am Meals on Wheels

5:30 pm 12 Step Meeting-Unity

## Friday, August 16

## Saturday, August 17

## 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

**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.

## 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

## SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July 28: 198 (77 in-person)

August 4: 220 (101 in-person)

## 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](mailto:marykdmn@gmail.com).

General Questions can be directed to Pastor Jim at [jim.cochrane@valleychurch.net](mailto:jim.cochrane@valleychurch.net).

• 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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## 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

## 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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**763-445-9665**



# WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024 | 9:30 AM

Rev. Jim Cochran preaching

## MUSIC:

Matt Weiss, guitar & vocals  
Rachel Williams, piano



# Valley Community



## 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](mailto:OFFICE@VALLEYCHURCH.NET)



## Valley Community





# 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!



Michael Deef	Finbarr McCarthy
Larry Matthews	Jennifer Brant
Sofie Vogel	Kelsie Hagelin
Jack Westerlund	James Husnik
Richard Marshall	Jay Perry
Rev. Bill Davnie	Maddie Pukite
Donald Carlson	Melissa Gottschalk
Dawn Williams	Mark Musta
Ruth Wilterding	Rev. Jim Cook
Luke Priem	Mary Anderson
Jessica Goslinga	Alexander Dunham
Jack Larsen	Ben Brooker
Sean Linc	Mildred Davison
Miles Rudeen	Sharon Decker
Douglas Smith	Arlene Freeberg
John Gove	Carole Martens
Bennett Gonsior	



# 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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AND OJIBWAY)

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