

# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 1, 2024

## **GATHERING US IN**

My God and I I.B Sergei, arr. by Anne Krentz

Roger Eilts,

Jane Nienaber, piano

## **GATHERING MUSIC**

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

**PRELUDE** 

Al Goodhart, Fay Foster & Florence Tarr

Songs Without Words, Opus 30, Number 1 Felix Mendelssohn

The Place Where I Worship

Sam Sheldon & Aurora Messer

vocals & guitar

# **CALL TO WORSHIP**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Morning Has Broken** 

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play!

† Hymn #664

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

and widows on the other side of the street. Change us, O God. By your grace, transform us. Root out the selfishness that hardens our hearts, and replace it with compassion and generosity. Empower us by your Spirit that we might be doers of your word and not hearers

Praise with elation; praise every morning, God's re-creation of the new day! Mariah Messer Merciful God, we confess that our words and actions do not always line up. We are quick

only. All this we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, Amen.

to confess our faith, but slow to live it. We sing praise to your name, but we pass by orphans

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 #659** 

### Know That God is Good

Know that God is good. Know that God is good.

Know that God is good; God is good; God is good. Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

#### HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

**Congregational Blessing:** You are God's beloved child.

Way Over Yonder

With you God is well pleased.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE OF REFLECTION

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

Roger Eilts, vocals & guitar

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 100, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 A Valley Village

Carole King

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

t Hymn #20 (v. 1, 2 & 4) All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,

all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,

God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings. (Refrain) The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,

the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky: (Refrain) God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. (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

Mariah Messer

A New Program Year **OFFERTORY** Praise to the Lord Almighty arr. by Anne Krentz

Jane Nienaber

† Please rise in body or spirit.

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 t Hymn #192 (v. 1 & 3)

#### Lord, the Love of Your Light Is Shining Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;

Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain

#### Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.

Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness;

ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me; shine on me. (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** You Made It Right Elizabeth Anderson & John Dillon

Roger Eilts, vocals & guitar

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

#### **Chancel Flowers** Sunday, September 1 Peggy Neibling In Thanksgiving for Sheila Sheldon

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall.

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# Morning Has Broken





- 1 Morn-ing has bro ken like the first morn ing; black-bird has
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun lit from heav en, like the first
- 3 Mine is the sun light! Mine is the morn ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. dew - fall on the first grass. one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass. morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

# 659

## Know That God Is Good

#### Mungu ni mwema



This engaging song from central Africa is based on an affirmation that recurs in numerous psalms (34:8;73:1;100:5;135:3;145:9) as well as several other books of the Hebrew Scriptures. Both the brief text (in English, Hebrew, and Shona) and the musical parts are easily learned.



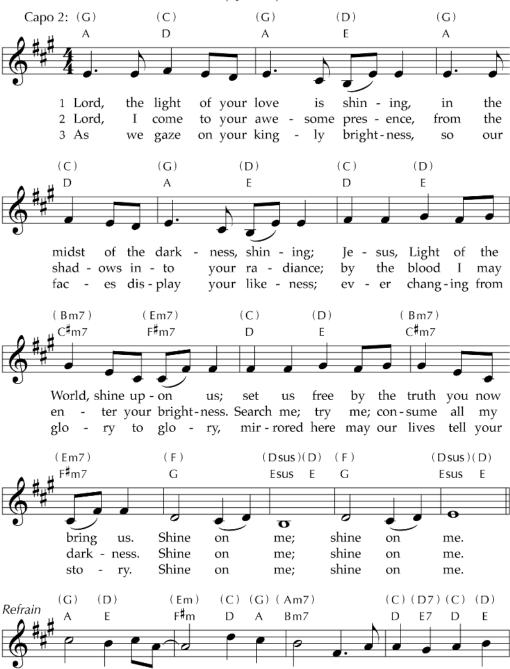
One of a series of hymns the author wrote for children on the Apostles' Creed, this text (originally in seven stanzas) expands "Maker of heaven and earth." The first stanza became the refrain when the text was later set to a popular tune from the age of King Charles II.

Shine,

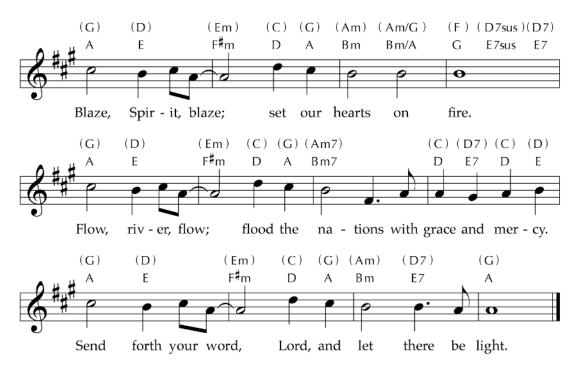
Je - sus, shine;

# 192 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

Shine, Jesus, Shine



fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo - ry.



While the reference to Jesus as the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) can be understood generally, this hymn is perhaps best understood as a response to the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1–8/Mark 9:2–8/Luke 9:28–36). This is the most popular of the author/composer's many songs.

## **Joys and Concerns**

**Mary and Greg Rom** ask for prayers for their **brother-in-law Paul** in Knoxville, TN who is suffering from severe fatigue, anemia & muscle/joint pain. He is awaiting diagnosis and treatment plan.

**Prayers for Jan & Joe Sacco's daughter-in-law, Emily,** who is expecting their second child in October. She was briefly hospitalized with Covid and breathing difficulties, but is now at home recovering.

**Gail Smith** celebrates the joy of friends and neighbors that have jumped in to help out after injuring a rib last week.

Prayers for the family of **Dennis Hinkle** who passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, August 24. A memorial service for his family will be held in St. Paul.

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 at Valley on Saturday, September 7th at 11:00 am.

A memorial service for Chuck will be held at Valley on September 16th at 2:00pm.

Prayers of comfort for **Pegay Meyer** and family as they grieve the loss of **Chuck Meyer**.

Prayers for **Susie Potter** who has colon cancer and will have surgery on Friday, September 27th.

Continued prayers for **Taichi Chen** whose has his next scan on Tuesday, September 3rd. They express their gratitude for all the love and care from everyone.

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 | <a href="mailto:chelsie.larsen@valleychurch.net">chelsie.larsen@valleychurch.net</a> to set up withdrawals directly from your account. You can always adjust the amount.

**Labor Day - Office Closed** 11:30 am Lunch Bunch 7: 00 pm 12- Step Meeting **Tuesday, September 3** Wednesday, September 4 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Thursday, September 5 5:30 pm 12 Step Meeting Friday, September 6 Saturday, September 7 Sunday, September 8 **Homecoming Sunday** 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship Hour Potluck 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!

This Week at Valley

Sunday, September 1

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, September 2

## Savannah Martinez **Program & Communications** Coordinator Mariah Messer **Music Coordinator** Rachel Williams **Choral & Handbell Director** Janet M.T. Carlson **Sunshine Room Leader** Jamese 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 August 18: 182 (77 in-person) August 25: 221 (119 in-person)

Valley Staff

congregation.

**Head of Staff** 

All 393 members of this

**Transitional Pastor** 

Rev. Jim Cochrane

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

Office Administrator

**Educational Ministries Director** 

**Ministers** 



# 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

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BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10 TUESDAYS AT 1:00 PM IN THE LIBRARY

# Bible Fellowship

Join us as we explore Biblical practices for Faithful Living!

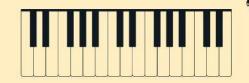
Join other Valley members for fellowship and lectionary-guided discussion.

New members are always welcome!









# Momoko Tanno & Friends

Momoko Tanno, soprano Valerie Hennig, piano music Composed by Yarison Ishaya

Friday, Sept 13, 2024 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT **DISTRICT 281 EVERY MEAL** 



♠ Valley Community

# Valley Brew Crew

SATURDAY, SEPT 14 | 1:00-6:00 PM



#### IT'S CIDER TIME!

Bring apples, pears, peeling & cutting equipment

#### PIZZA & POTLUCK

Pat will be firing up her spectacular pizza oven. Bring sides or snacks to share and your appetite! Beverages of all kinds | Kids Always Welcome

#### **CONTACT JAY PERRY FOR DETAILS:**

763-438-2476 | j perry3@yahoo.com







National Alliance on Mental Health

5k Walk (3.1 miles)



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

# Need to reach a pastor?

Contact us

Have a pastoral emergency or need to speak to Rev. Jim Cochrane? Call the Valley Pastoral Care Line. If pastor Jim is unavailable, this number will always reach a member of our pastoral care team.



763-445-9665



# Happy Birthday Valley Family!



9/1 Frankline Nyongkah 9/3 Lennox Mead

9/6 Alan Wold

9/9 Aaron Craven

9/9 Arnold Schellhaas

9/10 Pius Nti 9/10 Jeff Soltau

9/12 Hayden Gautsche

9/12 Claire Reinert9/13 Pete Messer

9/13 Christine Phelan

9/14 Jonathan Schellhaas

9/15 Ted Arneson

9/16 Katie Decker

9/16 Gwen Rouleau

9/16 Steve Bauer

9/17 Evonne Kirchenwitz

9/18 Jeffrey Lund 9/21 SuAnn Bygd

9/21 Mark Freeman

9/22 Jamese Decker 9/23 Jameson Johannsen

9/25 Tom Jenson

9/26 Mariah Messer9/26 Andrew Westerlund

9/26 Helmut Winter 9/27 Peter Brant

9/28 Paul Minter

9/28 Emily Steffel

9/29 Sarah Gonsior9/29 Deborah Poynter

9/30 Jennifer Biggs

9/30 Bellinda Nti



# 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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