



# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, September 1, 2024

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# GATHERING US IN

## PRELUDE

*Songs Without Words, Opus 30, Number 1*

Jane Nienaber, piano

Felix Mendelssohn

*My God and I*

I.B. Sergei, arr. by Anne Krentz

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

## GATHERING MUSIC

*The Place Where I Worship*

*Al Goodhart, Fay Foster & Florence Tarr*

Roger Eilts,  
vocals & guitar

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Sam Sheldon & Aurora Messer

## † Hymn #664

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

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation; praise every morning, God's re-creation of the new day!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mariah Messer

Merciful God, we confess that our words and actions do not always line up. We are quick to confess our faith, but slow to live it. We sing praise to your name, but we pass by orphans 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 only. All this we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, 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 #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.  
With you God is well pleased.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Way Over Yonder*  
Carole King

Roger Eilts,  
vocals & guitar

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 100, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

## MESSAGE OF REFLECTION

*A Valley Village*

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† 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

A New Program Year

Mariah Messer

## OFFERTORY

*Praise to the Lord Almighty*  
arr. by Anne Krentz

Jane Nienaber

## 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 #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.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

## Morning Has Broken

664



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. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet  
 one light E - den saw play! 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*

1 Know that God is good. Know that  
 2 Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le,  
 Mu - ngu ni mwe - ma. Mu - ngu

God is good. Know that God is good;  
 hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah,  
 ni mwe - ma. Mu - ngu ni mwe - ma,

God is good;  
 hal - le - lu - jah,  
 ni mwe - ma,  
 God is good.  
 hal - le - lu - jah.  
 ni mwe - ma.

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.

# 20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

*Refrain*

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won-der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
 2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,  
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,  
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.  
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:  
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.  
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

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.

# 192 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

## Shine, Jesus, Shine

Capo 2: (G) (C) (G) (D) (G)  
A D A E A

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the  
2 Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the  
3 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our

(C) (G) (D) (C) (D)  
D A E D E

midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the  
shad - ows in - to your ra - diance; by the blood I may  
fac - es dis - play your like - ness; ev - er chang - ing from

(Bm7) (Em7) (C) (D) (Bm7)  
C#m7 F#m7 D E C#m7

World, shine up - on us; set us free by the truth you now  
en - ter your bright - ness. Search me; try me; con - sume all my  
glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell your

(Em7) (F) (Dsus)(D) (F) (Dsus)(D)  
F#m7 G Esus E G Esus E

bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.  
dark - ness. Shine on me; shine on me.  
sto - ry. Shine on me; shine on me.

*Refrain* (G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am7) (C) (D7) (C) (D)  
A E F#m D A Bm7 D E7 D E

Shine, Je - sus, shine; fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.



JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (Am/G) (F) (D7sus)(D7)  
 A E F#m D A Bm Bm/A G E7sus E7

Blaze, Spir - it, blaze; set our hearts on fire.

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am7) (C) (D7) (C) (D)  
 A E F#m D A Bm7 D E7 D E

Flow, riv - er, flow; flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy.

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)  
 A E F#m D A Bm E7 A

Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

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.

Prayers of comfort for **Peggy Meyer** and family as they grieve the loss of **Chuck Meyer**. A memorial service for Chuck will be held at Valley on September 16th at 2:00pm.

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 | [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, September 1

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

## Monday, September 2

### 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!

# 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

August 18: 182 (77 in-person)

August 25: 221 (119 in-person)



# 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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PHOTO BOOTH • REGISTER FOR FALL PROGRAMS

**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!**

**NEW DAY  
& TIME!**



# Fridays in the Valley Presents:



## 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**

PAT DAILY'S HOUSE  
REFERENCE YOUR DIRECTORY

### 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](mailto:j_perry3@yahoo.com)





# 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

## 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.



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# 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 Reinert

9/13 Pete Messer

9/13 Christine Phelan

9/14 Jonathan Schellhaas

9/15 Ted Arneson

9/16 Steve Bauer

9/16 Katie Decker

9/16 Gwen Rouleau

9/17 Evonne Kirchenwitz

9/18 Jeffrey Lund

9/21 SuAnn Bygd

9/21 Mark Freeman

9/22 Jameese Decker

9/23 Jameson Johannsen

9/25 Tom Jenson

9/26 Mariah Messer

9/26 Andrew Westerlund

9/26 Helmut Winter

9/27 Peter Brant

9/28 Paul Minter

9/28 Emily Steffel

9/29 Sarah Gonsior

9/29 Deborah Poynter

9/30 Jennifer Biggs

9/30 Bellinda Nti



# 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  
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