



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 29, 2024

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Variations on Praise to the Lord
Arr. by Don Freudenberg

Jane Nienaber, organ

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

This is My Father's World
Arr. by Alice Jordan

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!

All: Praise be to God, the Giver of many gifts!

One: Our help is in God's name, the One who calls us here.

All: We come with songs of praise, with prayers too deep for words.

One: Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!

All: Blessed be the Lord!

† Hymn #35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon

We long for wisdom, O Lord, but prefer that it be our own. We turn away from the ideas of others and ignore the possibility and promise that come from life together with you. We drown out your gift of Wisdom as she seeks to get our attention, for we believe that we know better or would prefer to decide where we make her welcome. Forgive us, loving God, and awaken us anew to the Wisdom that comes only from you. Show us how to walk in your ways following Jesus in the paths of wisdom and new life. 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.

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.

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Exuberant Joy
Arnold B. Sherman

Valley Handbells

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9: 38-50

SERMON

How We Are Special

Rev. Bill Davnie

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.

Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.

Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.

Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving 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.

OFFERTORY

Basse de Trompette
Gaspard Corrette

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Blessed are you, God of all. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for service to all of your Creation. In
Christ we pray. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #432

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call
to live according to your word and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.

But if, forgetful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
if worldly pressures fray the mind and love itself cannot unwind
its tangled skein of care: our inward life repair.

We marvel how your saints became in hindrances more sure:
whose joyful virtues put to shame the casual way we wear your name,
and by our faults obscure your power to cleanse and cure.

In what you give us, Lord, to do, together or alone,
in old routines or ventures new, may we not cease to look to you:
the cross you hung upon, all you endeavored, done.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Vivace (Sonata in B Minor)
G.F. Handel

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

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Chancel Flowers
Sunday, September 29

Margie Deutsch
Remembering Manfred

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall.

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Joys and Concerns

Mark Freeman would like to give thanks to the Valley community for their prayers as he heals from his back and spine issues. Although he has not fully recovered yet, the prayers and love from the church have brought Mark strength and hope.

Prayers of healing for **Carol Bright** who is home after a brief hospital stay. She is feeling much better and is grateful for all the prayers.

Prayers of comfort for the family of **Bob Ripley** who passed on Saturday, September 21st. Special prayers for **Karen Ripley** as she grieves the loss of her beloved husband. Plans for a service are underway and will be held at Valley later this fall.

Prayers for **Vonnie Olson** who recently broke her collarbone and is recovering at home.

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

Continued prayers for **Taichi Chen** who had a scan on Thursday, August 29th and the results continue to be positive. 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
to set up withdrawals directly from your account.
You can always adjust the amount.

This Week at Valley

Sunday, September 29

Men's Retreat

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Ed

4:00 pm Youth Group & TEAMS

Monday, September 30

7:00 pm 12 Step Meeting

Tuesday, October 1

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship

6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 2

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, October 3

5:30 pm 12 Step Unity

Friday, October 4

Saturday, October 5

Sunday, October 6

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Ed

4:00 pm Youth Group & TEAMS

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 385 members of this congregation.

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Rev. Nancy Phillips

Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

September 15: 182 (114 in-person)

September 22: 119 (114 in-person)



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Adult Education | September 29 | 11:00 AM

HOW AMERICA BECAME GOD'S FAVORITE COUNTRY

REV. BILL DAVNIE

For centuries, Americans have picked particular parts of the Bible to emphasize, and found ways to identify themselves with the original people of God, the Hebrews. This has shaped our politics, our social structures and our foreign policy, for good and for ill.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room



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Adult Education | October 6 | 11:00 AM

CLARE HOUSING: HIV & HOMELESSNESS 101

CLARE HOUSING STAFF

Join Clare Housing staff for an informative presentation that will focus on how a housing first model improves the health outcomes of residents living with HIV, while simultaneously eliminating new infections in the community. A great opportunity to learn more about Clare Housing, its mission, and the people it serves. The presenter will share recent statistics and a call to action for faith partners. There will be a Question and Answer session at the end of the presentation as time allows.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room



Valley Kids Club

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

OCT 6 | NOV 3 | DEC 1

Valley kids have fellowship time with friends,
Valley grown-ups get to do their stuff!

**5th grade
& under**

**\$5/kid
per day**



**Sign up in the
Fellowship Hall or scan
the QR code to register!**

Fraturdays in the Valley Presents:



The Metro Brass Quintet

WITH DAN JULSON (TRUMPET),
STEVE ECKLUND (FRENCH HORN), GARY BIRD (TUBA)

Friday, October 11, 2024 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
MISSIONS INC & HOME FREE

 Valley Community



Valley Craft Club!

Spend the day crafting without distractions! Come catch up on a project, start something new or come see what others are working on for inspiration! There will be make and take crafts available. If crafting isn't your thing, come for the fellowship or bring a book to catch up on your reading.

Bring a dish to share for lunch at 12 PM.



SATURDAY
OCTOBER 12, 2024
10 AM - 2 PM
LUNCH AT 12 PM



OCTOBER 19, 2024

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JOIN THE VALLEY 5K WALKING TEAM!

Scan the QR code
to learn more
and register!

REGISTRATION FEE FOR
5K FUN RUN/WALK: \$32



9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Indigenous People's Festival
(FREE! All are welcome!)

9:00 AM 5K Fun Run/Walk begins

10:30 AM Little Loopet
(FREE for all kids, no pre-registration required)

SAVE THE DATE

FALL FESTIVAL

WHAT'S THE DEAL?

October 26 from 5 - 8 pm



- FOOD • SILENT AUCTION
- LIVE GAME SHOW GAMES •
- BOUNCE HOUSE •
- FUN FOR EVERYONE! •

Valley 
Community

PC(USA)

Hosted by
Valley Youth

Candy

A
Community
Event
with a
Cause!

Oct
27
4-5 PM

Trunk
or
Treat
for PRISM



Bring pantry items for PRISM and help us fill the trailer at our annual Trick or Treat for PRISM drive. Can't wait to see you there!

3100 Lilac Drive North | Golden Valley MN 55422





Happy Birthday Valley Family!



Frankline Nyongkah

Lennox Mead

Alan Wold

Aaron Craven

Arnold Schellhaas

Pius Nti

Jeff Soltau

Hayden Gautsche

Claire Reinert

Pete Messer

Christine Phelan

Jonathan Schellhaas

Ted Arneson

Steve Bauer

Katie Decker

Gwen Rouleau

Evonne Kirchenwitz

Jeffrey Lund

SuAnn Bygd

Mark Freeman

Jamese Decker

Jameson Johannsen

Tom Jenson

Mariah Messer

Andrew Westerlund

Helmut Winter

Peter Brant

Paul Minter

Emily Steffel

Sarah Gonsior

Deborah Poynter

Jennifer Biggs

Bellinda Nti



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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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