



# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, September 8, 2024

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# GATHERING US IN

## PRELUDE

*Great Things He Has Done*

Rachel Williams, piano  
arr. Victor Labenske

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Chorale from "Finlandia"*

Rachel Williams, piano  
Jane Nienaber, organ  
arr. by Martha P. Setchell

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: *O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;*

**All: *God's steadfast love endures forever!***

One: *Let Israel say:*

**All: *God's steadfast love endures forever!***

One: *Let the house of Aaron say:*

**All: *God's steadfast love endures forever!***

One: *Let those who fear the Lord say:*

**All: *God's steadfast love endures forever!***

One: *Let us worship God!*

## † Hymn #12

### ***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise***

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.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

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**

Merciful God, you made us in your image with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconsistent, and our obedience incomplete. We find complicity in powers of this world that harm our neighbors and pollute your creation. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us closer to you, and strengthen us to love just as you have first loved us. 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 #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.

**HEARING THE WORD****TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS**

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Called by the Spirit*

Valley Choir  
Allen Pote

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION****SCRIPTURE READING**

*Psalms 118:21-29*

**SERMON**

*In Every Age*

Rev. Jim Cochrane

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #315

***In the Midst of New Dimensions (vs. 1,2,3,5)***

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,  
who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

**(Refrain)**

God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,  
we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

Through the flood of starving people, warring factions, and despair,  
who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? (Refrain)

As we stand, a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,  
grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams. (Refrain)

Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,  
may your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again. (Refrain)

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Homecoming

Tom Wasmoen

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

**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.

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP**

**MUSICAL REFLECTION**

*Sanctus*

by Charles Gounod  
arr. Martha P. Setchell

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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 #634

### *To God Be the Glory*

To God be the glory; great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

#### **Refrain:**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

## BENEDICTION

### † BENEDICTION RESPONSE #611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Ludwig Van Beethoven

## POSTLUDE

*Joyful Recessional*

Jane Nienaber, organ  
Rosalie Bonighton

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


  
**Chancel Flowers**  
 Sunday, September 8  
 Carole & Rick Martens  
 In honor of all our grandchildren's birthdays.  
 Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall.

# Joys and Concerns

A memorial service will be held for **Aron Wilterding** at Valley on Saturday, September 7th at 11:00am with a luncheon reception to follow. Prayers for **Ruth Wilterding** and all those who love Aron as we remember Aron and give thanks to God for his years of service to Valley as a parish associate.

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 of comfort for **Renee Desarmeaux and family** as they grieve the loss of their beloved mother & grandmother, Sharon who recently passed.

Prayers of comfort for **Tim Grosshuesch and family** as they grieve the sudden loss of their beloved mother & grandmother, Maggie who passed away last week.

Continued prayers for **Mary and Greg Rom's brother-in-law Paul** in Knoxville, TN who was recently diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis. He is now on medication and relief is slowly coming.

Prayers for **Mark Freeman** who is underwent surgery on Tuesday. This procedure decompressed the sensitive nerves causing pain in his leg. Please send prayers to the Freeman's grandson, **Tanner** as well. He has been experiencing seizures and all tests have been inconclusive.

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

Continued prayers for **Taichi Chen** whose 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](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 8

### Homecoming Sunday

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour/Potluck

## Monday, September 9

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

## Tuesday, September 10

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship

6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

## Wednesday, September 11

## Thursday, September 12

5:30 pm 12 Step Meeting

## Friday, September 13

7:00 pm Fridays in the Valley

## Saturday, September 14

1:00 pm Brew Crew

## Sunday, September 15

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

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.

## Transitional Pastor

## Head of Staff

Rev. Jim Cochran

## Educational Ministries Director

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

## Office Administrator

Savannah Martinez

## Program & Communications Coordinator

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## Music Coordinator

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Janet M.T. Carlson

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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 25: 221 (119 in-person)

September 1: 160 (85 in-person)

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!**

• **DRIVERS NEEDED** •

## Meals on Wheels

3RD & 4TH THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

• **SEPTEMBER 19 & 26** •

### ROUTES INCLUDE:

Crystal  
New Hope  
Robbinsdale  
Golden Valley



### CONTACTS:

**Gail Smith**  
**Marge Thurston**  
use your directory  
or call the office.



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# Fridays in the Valley Presents:



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**

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# 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 the church office for more  
information. 763-588-0831**

# 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,  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2024  
10 AM - 2 PM  
LUNCH AT 12 PM



# 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



# 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



# 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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