



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 6, 2024

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

He's Been Faithful
Carol Cymbala, Arr. by Jim Hammerly

Rachel Williams, piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Come, Now is the Time to Worship
Brian Doerksen

Jay Tracy, guitar & vocals

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: From north and south and east and west,

All: All of Creation sings your praises!

One: The mountains and the hills burst into song;

All: The trees of the field shall clap their hands.

One: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases!

All: With joy and peace, let us worship God together!

† Hymn #301

Let Us Build a House (verses 1, 3, 4 & 5)

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

all are welcome; all are welcome;
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (Refrain)

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: (Refrain)

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed and envy the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride and arrogance the world goes hungry. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us again. Transform us at this table and send us as servants of your righteousness. In Jesus 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 #654***In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful***

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God; do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

HEARING THE WORD**TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS**

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hamba Nathi
Traditional African Chant

Valley Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 55:1-9, 12

SERMON

Come to the Table

Rev. Jim Cochrane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #770

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table (verses 1-4)

I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.

I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus; . . .
I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers; . . .
Here all the world will find a welcome; . . .

MINUTE FOR MISSION *A Meal for Us All ; World Communion Sunday*

Janet Carlson

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

Of My Hands
Ray Repp

Jay Tracy

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, we offer our thanks for the communion of saints and the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today at your table. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #361

O Christ, the Great Foundation

O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand
to preach your true salvation in every age and land:
pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,
to keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.

Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,
we bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth:
one holy people gathered in love beyond our own,
by grace we were invited; by grace we make you known.

Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak,
where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak,
there let your church awaking attack the powers of sin
and, all their ramparts breaking, with you the victory win.

This is the moment glorious when he who once was dead
shall lead his church victorious, their champion and their head.
The Lord of all creation his heavenly kingdom brings:
the final consummation, the glory of all things

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Let Me Be There
Olivia Newton-John

Jay Tracy

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers
Sunday, October 6

Peggy Neibling
In Memory of Betty Brooking.

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the **Karwan family** as they had their interview for the Special Immigrant VISA and Green card on Monday, September 30th. The Karwan's are incredibly grateful for the help that Valley has extended to them.

Susie Potter expresses gratitude for the Valley family and their wonderful support. Her colon surgery went well and she has returned home.

Prayers of comfort for **Karen Ripley** and all who loved **Bob Ripley** who passed away on Sunday, September 22nd. A memorial service will be held at Valley on Friday, November 8th at 2:00 pm.

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

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, October 6

9:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:00 am Adult Ed
4:00 pm Youth Group & TEAMS

Monday, October 7

11:30 am Lunch Bunch
7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, October 8

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 9

Thursday, October 10

5:30 pm 12 Step Unity

Friday, October 11

7:00 pm Fridays in the Valley

Saturday, October 12

10:00 am Craft Club
12:00 pm Clare Terrace Event

Sunday, October 13

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

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All 384 members of this congregation.

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Rev. Kate O'Brien Soltau
Rev. David Phillips
Rev. Nancy Phillips
Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

September 22: 119 (114 in-person)
September 29: 193 (82 in-person)



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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

**Fridays in
the Valley
Presents:**



The Metro Brass Quintet

WITH BRUCE ALPERN (TROMBONE), GARY BIRD (TUBA)
STEVE ECKLUND (FRENCH HORN), DAN JULSON (TRUMPET),
GRAHAM TAYLOR (TRUMPET)

Friday, October 11, 2024 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
MISSIONS INC & HOME FREE



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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



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Adult Education | October 13 | 11:00 AM

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' SUNDAY ARTIST TALK AND LAND

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT UPDATE

SUMMER SKY COHEN & CRYSTAL BOYD



Celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Sunday during worship. Summer Sky Cohen, an Anishinaabe artist and the designer of Valley's land acknowledgement banner will join us during worship to present and dedicate the banner commissioned for the lower entryway. Naawegiizissukwe (She Comes from the Center of the Sun), Summer Sky Cohen, draws deeply from her heritage as an enrolled member of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Ojibwe and her upbringing in the wilderness of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. We are thrilled to welcome her to Valley and celebrate her incredible work during worship!

During Adult Ed starting at 11:00 am, hear from Crystal Boyd and other members of the Valley Land Acknowledgement Task Force about the recent and continued impact of the Haha Wakpadan Oral History Project as well as upcoming opportunities for the congregation to learn and get involved.

Second Annual Ĥaĥa Wakpadaŋ Water Blessing

Ĥaĥa Wakpadaŋ is the Dakota name for Bassett Creek



BLUE HUMMINGBIRD
WOMAN



DIANE WILSON

Please join us in honoring
the creek on
Indigenous Peoples' Day

This event will include opening remarks by award-winning author Diane Wilson (Dakota) and a water blessing by Tanaġidaŋ To Wiŋ / Blue Hummingbird Woman (Dakota).

RAIN OR SHINE, FREE, AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY!
REGISTRATION IS OPTIONAL.

Visit or click to register:

<https://hennepinhistory.org/event/second-annual-%C8%9Fa%C8%9Fa-wakpadaŋ-water-blessing/>

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14 | 10-11 AM
BASSETT CREEK PARK
5609 32ND AVE N, CRYSTAL, MN 55422

OCTOBER 19, 2024

ĤAĥÁ WAKPÁDAŋ LOOPET LOPPET

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)



Happy Birthday Valley Family!



Lisa Cawhorn
Lonnie Johnson
Brayden Rude
Reid Nichols
Margaret Sandberg
Gail Smith
Rachel Hole
Brandon Novy
Cathy LaPoint
April Kovacovich
Valerie Craven
Nancy Husnik
Aubrie Larsen
Thom Reinert
Madelyn Soens
Alexander Kara
Jack Perry
Earl Robertson
Max Westerlund
Ginger Jackson
Benjamin Gillett
Myron Jones

Chrisdel Nyongkah
Cheryl Smith
Peggy Meyer
Eli Matthews Doering
Linda Wold
Lilianna Schellhaas
Andrew Freeberg
Les Freeberg
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Earl Michael
Alex Graham
Nancy Olson
Mary Ann Winter
Janet Triplett
Myrle Reiswig
Catherine Paulson
Norman Chervany
Ann Van Heest



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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.



LOGO DESIGN BY WÓOKIYE WIN
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AND OJIBWAY)

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