

# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, October 13, 2024

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# GATHERING US IN

## PRELUDE

*Wichoni Song (Dakota/English)*

Jim Rock

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

## GATHERING MUSIC

*O God the Creator*  
Haile, Corbett & Patterson

Jim Rock & Rachel Williams

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;*

**All: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

*Leader: Sing and give praise to God's name;*

**All: Tell the good news to one another from day to day.**

*Leader: Come, let us worship God together!*

## † Hymn #21

### **Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works**

Many and great, O God, are thy works,  
Maker of earth and sky.  
Thy hands have set the heavens with stars;  
thy fingers spread the mountains and plains.  
Lo, at thy word the waters were formed.  
Deep seas obey thy voice.

Grant unto us communion with thee,  
thou star-abiding One.  
Come unto us and dwell with us.  
With thee are found the gifts of life.  
Bless us with life that has no end,  
eternal life with thee.

Sheila Sheldon

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The worship leader will lead the congregation in prayer. Each petition will end:

*Leader: Lord, forgive us our sins*

**People: As we forgive those who sin against us.**

## 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.

***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

Summer Sky Cohen

#### Congregational Blessing:

You are God's beloved child.

With you God is well pleased.

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*O Yo Quiero Que Cristo*

Jim, Jay Tracy & Rachel

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

*Mark 10:17-31*

### SERMON

*How Hard It Is!*

Rev. Jim Cochran

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### † Hymn #36

#### ***For the Fruit of All Creation*** (verses 1 & 3)

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

### 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

*Chhicata Munacum*

Jim Rock

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give you thanks, O God, for the ways you have blessed us with the gifts of time, talents, and treasures. Use us and what we have gathered in feeding the world with your love. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, the one who gave himself for us. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #715

***The Earth Belongs to God Alone***

The earth belongs to God alone; hard clay, rich soil, fine sand.  
Give thanks wherever food is grown on borrowed holy land.

The fertile ground through years of toil has cried for Sabbath rest—  
a time of peace for worn-out soil so land can be refreshed.

All life belongs to God alone, in wilderness and fields.  
From fallow land, or plowed and sown, God gives the good it yields.

Till God endows the earth once more with Eden's state of grace,  
may we endeavor to restore all land as sacred space.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Chante Washte Ohinnyan*

Jim, Jay & Rachel

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

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**Chancel Flowers**  
 Sunday, October 13

Roger Michael  
 In honor of Scot & Caroline's wedding.

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall.

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# Joys and Concerns

The **Saccos** are filled with joy that their son Alex & daughter in-law Emily welcomed a healthy baby boy, Leo Raymond Sacco, Monday Oct. 7th. Mom and baby are doing great!

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 **Mary Roback's** daughter, **Andrea**, who recently underwent surgery for an abdominal aortic aneurism. Andrea has been in intensive care for 10 days and other issues have begun to appear.

Continued prayers for **Susie Potter** on her cancer journey. She will meet with the oncologist next week to discuss her treatment plan. She is feeling good and filled with gratitude.

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](mailto:chelsie.larsen@valleychurch.net)  
to set up withdrawals directly from your account.  
You can always adjust the amount.

# This Week at Valley

## Sunday, October 13

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

## Monday, October 14

10:00 am Haha Wakpadan Water Blessing  
7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

## Tuesday, October 15

11:00 am Valley Men's Luncheon Group  
1:00 pm Bible Fellowship  
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

## Wednesday, October 16

7:00 pm Choir Practice  
8:00 pm Music meeting

## Thursday, October 17

10:00 am Meals on Wheels  
5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

## Friday, October 18

## Saturday, October 19

**Haha Wakpadan Loopet Loopet**

## Sunday, October 20

9:30 am Worship Service  
10:30 am Fellowship Hour  
11:00 am Adult Ed

**No Youth Group or 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 384 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

September 29: 193 (82 in-person)  
October 6: 189 (65 in-person)



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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.



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MISSIONS INC. UPDATES

KARI HITCHCOCK (PROGRAM DIRECTOR, HOME FREE SHELTER)

Kari Hitchcock from Home Free Shelter, a program of Missions Inc, will be coming to speak about Domestic Violence. She will talk about the dynamics of abusive relationships and how to help.

**Hosted in Fellowship Hall**

# 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)





# Fall Clean Up

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Exterior cleaning of the church grounds



VALLEY COMMUNITY  
GOLDEN VALLEY, MN 55422

## POLL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Valley needs its volunteers to sign up to help during the upcoming election on **Tuesday, November 5, 2024.**

**SIGN UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR  
LEFTOVER HALLOWEEN CANDY!



**5th grade  
& under**



**Valley Kids Club**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**\$5/kid  
per day**

**NOV 3 | DEC 1**

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

**Mark your calendar now!**  
Sign up in Fellowship Hall.

SAVE THE DATE

# FALL FESTIVAL

TIME TO MAKE A DEAL!

October 26 from 5 - 8 pm



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

Valley   
Community

PC(USA)

Oct  
27  
4-5 PM

Hosted by  
Valley Youth

Candy

A  
Community  
Event  
with a  
Cause!

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!



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  
Ann Keen  
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  
(SISSETON WAHPETON DAKHÓTA  
AND OJIBWAY)

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