



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 3, 2024

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

"First Arabesque"
Claude Debussy

Rachel Williams, piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

"Ye Servants of God"
William Croft, Arr. by Craig Courtney

Rachel Williams

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O praise the Lord with me and let us exalt God's name together.

All: Come let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

One: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

All: And let us sing joyful songs of praise!

One: Let us worship God!

† Hymn #410

God Is Calling through the Whisper

God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs,
through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder:
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?

God is calling through the voices of our neighbors' urgent prayers,
through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.
Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading:
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?

God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,
through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.
Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:
God is calling—and we hear! God is calling—and we hear!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon

Gracious God, you have loved us by sending your only Son, but we have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. In his life and death, Jesus showed us how truly to love our neighbors, but we love ourselves more than we love others. Loving God, forgive us for withholding our complete love for and devotion to you. Help us give our hearts and lives fully to you so our hearts and lives may be open to our neighbors, especially those in need. Lord, forgive us, love us, and guide us through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 #188

Jesus Loves Me! (verse 1)

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong.
They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

"A Gaelic Blessing"
John Rutter

Valley Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 146; Mark 12:28-34

SERMON

First and Greatest

Rev. Jim Cochrane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant (verses 1, 2, 4, & 6)

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

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

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Arr. by Michael Larkin

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Generous and loving God, we do thank you for the many blessings in our lives. As you have so freely given your love in Jesus Christ and welcomed us to your table, may we freely share your love and welcome with others. May the gifts we offer to you and others be signs of our devotion to you and our willingness to love in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"O How I Love Jesus"

Arr. by Carol Tornquist

Rachel Williams

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, November 3

Sponsored by Jan Sacco.

In memory of Jack Rock.

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of comfort to the family of **Marilyn Merino** who passed away on October 17th. Marilyn was a beloved member of the church for over 38 years, and she will be missed dearly. A private service for family will be held at The Glenn. Cards are welcome to Ruth Reed 7053 Oak Pointe Curve, Bloomington, MN 55438.

Bob Ripley's memorial service will be held at Valley on Friday, November 8th at 2:00 pm.

Prayers of comfort for **Jill Reiswig and family** as they mourn the loss of **Myrle Reiswig** who passed on October 23. A memorial service will be held at Valley on Tuesday, November 19th at 11:00am, with a reception to follow.

Prayers for **Greg** and **Mary Rom's** neighbor **Nancy**, who was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Nancy is still in the process of determining next steps.

Continued prayers for **Susie Potter** on her cancer journey. She began chemotherapy on Monday, the 28th. She is feeling good and filled with gratitude.

Continued prayers for **Taichi Chen** whose test results remain stable and continues to live in gratitude for the love everyone has shared each and every day. To visit Taichi's Caring Bridge site go to: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen>

Continued prayers for **Rick Carlson**, who returned home from the hospital on Sunday after his anti-rejection numbers came back higher than expected. As of now, Rick's numbers have returned to an acceptable range. He continues to remain in good spirits. 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, November 3

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

Monday, November 4

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

Tuesday, November 5

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

Wednesday, November 6

Thursday, November 7

5:30 pm 12 Step Unity

Friday, November 8

2:00 pm Bob Ripley Memorial Service
7:00 pm Fridays in the Valley

Saturday, November 9

Sunday, November 10

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 382 members of this congregation.

Transitional Pastor

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Rev. Jim Cochran

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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

October 20: 228 (100 in-person)
October 27: 204 (99 in-person)



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Adult Education | November 3 | 11:00 AM

DISMANTLING THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY: REPAIR WORK IN MNI SOTA MAKOCE AND BEYOND

DOE HOYER, COALITION TO DISMANTLE THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY & MAKOCE IKIKCUPI

Please join us for a conversation and presentation with Doe Hoyer, Repair Network Organizer of the national Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery and a local community organizer with the Twin Cities Repair Community for Makoce Ikikcupi (Dakota land recovery). Doe will share about the lasting impacts of the Christian Doctrine of Discovery, as well as the Coalition's model for change, campaigns with Indigenous partners, and Repair Network.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room

YOUR VOTE

IS YOUR VOICE.

BE HEARD.



**Vote in the General Election
Tuesday, November 5.**

**Fridays in
the Valley
Presents:**



Trio Lyrica

DANA MAEDA, OBOE; BECKY JYRKAS, FRENCH HORN;
SUE RUBY, PIANO

Friday, November 8, 2024 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
CLARE HOUSING

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Adult Education | November 10 | 11:00 AM

FROM FOREST TO FORK: THE CLIMATE CRISIS AND HOW WE EAT

ANNA LARSSON AND NICOLA PHILPOTT

Even if we stopped using fossil fuels today, emissions from our food system would still cause the earth to exceed targets. This lively presentation will discuss the under-appreciated impact our food system has on climate and the environment. Learn actions you can take at your very next meal to start changing things for the better.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room



Emerson Village Cleaning Supply Drive



-NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 13-
VALLEY IS COLLECTING CLEANING SUPPLIES FOR RESIDENTS MOVING INTO
BEACON INTERFAITH HOUSING'S EMERSON VILLAGE!

WHAT WE NEED:

- small wastebaskets
- broom/dust pan
- mop bucket
- 13 gal trash bags
- bowl cleaner
- cleaning towels
- dish soap
- toilet brush
- plunger
- hand soap
- hand sanitizer
- cleaning wipes

All items will be sorted and assembled into kits. One 13-gal kitchen trashcan will contain two (2) small wastebaskets and one of each of the rest of the items listed. Contact Carolyn Anderson if you'd like to help with kit assembly or call the Valley Office.



BRIDGING DRESSER BUILD

1730 TERRACE DR. ROSEVILLE, MN 55113

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

10 volunteers needed.

Dress comfortably in clothes you can get dirty.

Close-toed shoes required.

SIGN UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
VISIT BRIDGING.ORG FOR MORE INFO
CONTACT ANDREW PITAN WITH QUESTIONS





MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

RESPECTFUL *Conversations*



**A RESPECTFUL CONVERSATION ABOUT THIS ELECTION
HOSTED BY VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



Wednesday, November 20, 2024, from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

(Dinner is provided.)

Valley Community Presbyterian Church

3100 Lilac Drive North, Golden Valley, MN 55422

Registration: Please reserve your spot by registering in fellowship hall or online at <http://bit.ly/signupRC>



Minnesota faith communities invite their neighbors into a Respectful Conversation that will focus not on changing minds, but on softening hearts while discussing our future together.

The Respectful Conversations Project is a program of the Minnesota Council of Churches designed to strengthen civic life in Minnesota. We invite you to share this with your community and join us on November 20th.



YOU'RE INVITED!

**TO VALLEY'S
THANKSGIVING POTLUCK**

**Thursday, Nov. 28th
at 12:30 PM**

We are hosting a Thanksgiving Potluck for those looking for a place to gather for the holiday. Come to Valley, share a delicious meal & gratitude for our Valley family. There is a sheet in Fellowship Hall to sign up for what you will bring and how many from your family will be joining you.

SIGN UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL OR CALL THE OFFICE.





Happy Birthday Valley Family!



Monique St. John
Evan Miller
Carolina Michael
Ryan Chancellor
Jack Halverson
Joel Larsen
Sara Perry
Larry Dunham
Miranda Graham
Lotti Matkovits
Sue Modert
Diane Shenk
Jessica Smith
Vicki Eklund
Gary Roback
Allison Wandmacher
Chuck Thurston
Everett Hagelin

Landon Goiffon
Megan Parks
Vonnie Olson
Mary Dunham
Larry Melander
Mabel Willey
Walter Messer
Jasmyn Swanson
Lisa Tracy
Hsu-hui Wang
Lyn Boyd
Mary Roback
Anne Veldhuisen
Madeline Wandmacher
Angela Zywicki
Janelle Carlson
Karen Chancellor
Brad Pleimling



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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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