



Valley Community

PC(USA)

Sunday, March 9, 2025

First Sunday of Lent

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

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

Rachel Williams, piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

I Saw the Light
Hank Williams

Matt Weiss, vocals & guitar

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: For forty days the rain fell, and waters covered the face of the earth.

All: Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

One: For forty years the people wandered, seeking the land of God's promise.

All: Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

One: Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days and was tested by the devil.

All: Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

One: Confident in God's promises to lead us, let us worship God!

† Hymn #415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain:

I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. (Refrain)

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. (Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned from your way. We are misled by pride, and we see ourselves pure when we are not; we see ourselves great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justices, and ignored your truth. Have mercy on us, O God, and return us to paths of righteousness. Through Jesus Christ, our savior, 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 #288

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

Congregational Blessing:

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Where We'll Never Grow Old
James Cleveland Moore

Matt Weiss, vocals & guitar

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:1-11

SERMON

Lord of the Sabbath

Rev. Jim Cochrane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #720

Jesus Calls Us

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of 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.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

OFFERTORY

I Shall Not Be Moved
Traditional Spiritual

Matt Weiss, vocals & guitar

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Healing and loving God, you look on our lives with love and understanding. We are overwhelmed by your love that leads us to new life. By your Spirit, strengthen us for the journey ahead this Lent, and take our offerings and use them for your purposes. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #852

When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

When the Lord redeems the very least, we will rejoice.
When the hungry gather for the feast, we will rejoice.

Refrain:

We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice.
All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice!

When the Lord restores the sick and weak, we will rejoice.
When the earth is given to the meek, we will rejoice. (Refrain)

When the Lord revives the world from death, we will rejoice.
When the word of God fills every breath, we will rejoice. (Refrain)

When the Lord returns in victory, we will rejoice.
When we live in glorious liberty, we will rejoice. (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus
Arr. by John Carter

Rachel Williams, piano

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

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Chancel Flowers
Sunday, March 9

Sponsored by Greg & Mary Rom
Happy birthday to Barbara Johnston (March 9th).
Thank you for your generous gift to Valley

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

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Joys and Concerns

Prayers for **Janet Carlson** who underwent knee surgery on Thursday.

Prayers for **Gerry Kramer** who was moved to The Estates at Roseville for transitional care on Tuesday. His body is still recovering from his bypass procedure.

Continued prayers for **Phillip Robinson** who is waiting in the ICU at the U of M hospital for a heart transplant. Please keep his wife **Amy** and their three children, **Rowan, Claire** and **Annabelle** in your prayers as well. To visit his Caring Bridge go to: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/philliprobinson>

Continued prayers for **Susie Potter** as she underwent a PET scan in December, the results of which were all clear! She began immunotherapy on January 7th. She is feeling good and filled with gratitude. To visit Susie's Caring Bridge go to: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/susiepotter>

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** as he works with his care team to keep him healthy. He continues to give thanks for all the support and prayers he has received. 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, March 9

9:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:00 am Adult Ed
11:00 am Deacon Meeting - Library
2:00 pm Confirmation Class
4:00 pm Youth & TEAMS Group

Monday, March 10

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, March 11

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

Wednesday, March 12

6:00 pm Wednesdays in Lent Series
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 13

10:00 am Bible Study
5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, March 14

7:00 pm [Fridays in the Valley!](#)

Saturday, March 15

Sunday, March 16

9:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:00 am Adult Ed
2:00 pm Confirmation Class
4:00 pm Youth & TEAMS Group

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 381 members of this congregation.

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Rev. Nancy Phillips
Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

February 23 : 227 (109 in-person)
March 2 : 225 (108 in-person)

NEW!

Bible Study

2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10 AM IN THE LIBRARY

Join Rev. Rebecca Tollefson for *Let Justice Roll Down*, a wonderful Bible Study focused on creation justice.

3/13/25 4/10/25 5/8/25

Let Justice Roll Down



God's Call to Care for
Neighbors and All Creation

By Patricia K. Tull

**Fridays in
the Valley
Presents:**



Boom Island String Quartet

Friday, March 14, 2025 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
MINNESOTA FOODSHARE

 Valley Community

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

MARCH 12 - APRIL 9 | 6:00-7:15 PM

Join us for
Wednesdays in Lent Fellowship time.

We will gather for dinner at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall, then come together for a time of singing, praying, listening for the Word, and discussion in small groups. The topic will be different each week, so you are guaranteed to come away with something new every time you come!

Members are encouraged to bring sides and desserts!
Last names A-L Dessert | M-Z Side dish

 Valley Community



Tickets On Sale Now!

*Youth Education
Scholarship Tea*

Saturday, March 22
2 pm

Adults \$35

Kids (10 & under) \$20

Purchase tickets in Fellowship Hall or contact Sheila by email Sheila.Sheldon@valleychurch.net or call her at 763-588-0831



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Adult Education | March 16 | 11:00 AM

NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI)

WITH KAY KING

OLDER ADULTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR AND COMMUNITY EDUCATOR

Creating Caring Faith Communities: Five Things You Can Do

Kay King from NAMI MN will help us learn about mental illnesses, the impact of negative attitudes and five things each of us can do to make Minnesota a better place for people who experience mental illness.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Adult Education | March 23 | 11:00 AM

CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

WITH BRANDON SCHORSCH, JEWISH COMMUNITY ACTION

Brandon Schorsch from Jewish Community Action will return to Valley to lead us in a discussion of and help us understand Christian Nationalism and what is happening in our country today.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room

Easter Flowers

Order by March 24 | Fellowship Hall



Easter Lily (white) \$12 each
Asiatic Lily (pink) \$12 each
Azalea (bicolor) \$25 each
Tulip \$12 each
(purple, pink, yellow)
Mum (yellow) \$12 each



EASTER EGG HUNT

VALLEY COMMUNITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 19, 2025
@ 11:00 AM

Cookie decorating & refreshments in
Fellowship Hall following the egg hunt.

*Event will be held outdoors,
weather permitting.



Valley Community



Happy Birthday Valley Family!



Juliana Vogel
Randee Melander
Alvian Bi
Roger Graphenteen
Gary Malinowski
Marge Thurston
Katya Miakotina
Barbara Wasmoen
Joe Sacco
Soma Datta
Karen Harms
Art LaPoint
John Gonsior
Kyle Soens
Abby Malecha
Grace Perry
Mikey Vogel
Alex Malecha
Helen Dechaine
Syndy Nyongkah
Leah Zywicki
Judith McKay
Diane Schmidt
Nikolas Fields
Gabriel Gottschalk
Rev. Kate O'Brien Soltau
Abigail Toering-Peters
Jim Payne

Riley Brooker
Lizzy Van Heest
Roberta (Bobbie) Watson
Gabriella Macias
Cooper Graham
Chris Marshall
Jennie Minter
Julie Westerlund
James Robles
Mark Toering
Janet Carlson
Joanne Jenson
Neil Jurgensen
Rev. Rebecca Tollefson
Kate Toering-Peters
Jim Falbo
Eleanor Johannsen
Gwyn Lang
Atemafac Nti
Nick Rude
Jan Fedora
Emily Gillett
Neiko Griffin
Chelsea Gusek
Brian Boyd
Gerald Phelan
Tyler Priem
Kendyl Graham



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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