



Valley Community

PC(USA)

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Fantasy on "He Leadeth Me"
Arr. by Robert W. Thygerson

Rachel Williams, piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

"Comfort Ye"
Chens & Marshalls, strings
"Every Valley Shall Be Exalted" from *Messiah* Jamie Marshall, soloist
George Frederick Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome to this ancient place;

All: A house of prayer for all nations; home to all who come.

One: Welcome to this gathering place;

All: Friend and stranger, saint and sinner in all who gather here.

One: Come with hope or hesitation, come with joy or yearning, all who hunger and thirst for life in all its fullness;

All: Generous God and Generous Savior, touch us through your Spirit.

One: Let us worship God!

† Hymn #353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

God of mercy, we confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We strive to care only for ourselves, overlooking the needs of others. Fearful of trusting you, we cling to the values of a broken world. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a right spirit within us. 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

"But Who May Abide" from *Messiah*
Arr. by Mark Hayes

Chens & Marshalls
Rev. Jim Cochrane, soloist

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:43-49

SERMON

All Other Ground

Rev. Jim Cochrane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

If You Search With All Your Heart **Craig Courtney**

Valley Choir

When you seek me, You shall find me If you search with all your heart.
When you seek me, You shall find me If you search with all your heart. (repeat)

For I know the plans I have for you: Plans of welfare, not of evil.
For I know the plans I have for you: Plans of hope and a future.

I will bring you out of bondage. To the land I have prepared.
I will bring you out of bondage, I will bring you home to Me.

For I know the plans I have for you: Plans of welfare, not of evil.
For I know the plans I have for you: Plans of hope and a future.

When you seek me, You shall find me If you search with all your heart.
When you seek me, You shall find me If you search with all your heart.

When you seek me, You shall find me If you search with all your heart.
I will bring you out of bondage. I will bring you home to Me. I will bring you home to Me!

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Matthew 25: Building a Vital Congregation

Carolyn Anderson

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

Austrian Hymn
Arr. by Ron Loree

Rachel Williams, piano

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of all times and places, you have opened up for us the path to eternal life. Grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you and walk faithfully in your holy ways. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #307

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.

Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd" from *Messiah*
George Frederick Handel

Emi Chen

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, April 6

Sponsored by Peggy Neibling

*Happy Birthday to Jacob LaBelle, April 13th
& Becky Brooking, April 21st.*

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall.

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Joys and Concerns

Continued prayers for **Phillip Robinson** who received his heart transplant on 3/21! He is doing great post surgery and recovering at the U of M hospital. He gives thanks to Valley for all the prayers and words of support. 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 8th. 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, April 6

9:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:00 am Adult Ed
2:00 pm Spring Break- No Confirmation Class
4:00 pm Spring Break- No Youth & TEAMS Group

Monday, April 7

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

Tuesday, April 8

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

Wednesday, April 9

6:00 pm Wednesdays in Lent Series

Thursday, April 10

10:00 am Bible Study
5:30 pm 12-Step Unity
6:30 pm PNC Meeting

Friday, April 11

11:00 am Ensemble Practice
7:00 pm Fridays in the Valley

Saturday, April 12

8:00 am APPI Festival (private piano recitals)

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 23: 219 (100 in-person)
march 30: 212 (101 in-person)



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Adult Education | April 6 | 11:00 AM

BEACON INTERFAITH HOUSING
WITH CHRIS LATONDRESSE, PRESIDENT & CEO,
BEACON INTERFAITH HOUSING COLLABORATIVE



Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative CEO, Chris LaTondresse. Valley Community Presbyterian Church has partnered with Beacon for over 19 years to create affordable, supportive, and equitable homes for individuals, families, and youth most impacted by homelessness, ensuring that all have a place to call home. Chris will share the impact of the church's generous gifts, speak to Beacon's vision for expanding and sustaining housing opportunities in Minnesota in the coming years, and invite your participation in Beacon's mission and current initiatives.

Hosted in Cornerstone Room

**Fridays in
the Valley
Presents:**



**The Bernstein
Chamber Ensemble**

Friday, April 11, 2025 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
BEACON INTERFAITH HOUSING COLLABORATIVE

 Valley Community

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

APRIL 9 | WEEK 5 | 6:00-7:15 PM

Join us for Wednesdays in Lent Fellowship time.

DINNER BEGINS: 6:00 PM | PROGRAM BEGINS: 6:45 PM

HOSTS: Fellowship

MEAL: Hotdish

DISCUSSION FOCUS: What "fruit" grows on your tree and how does that fruit benefit those around you? Where does your strength come from, and where is your foundation of solid rock?

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



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Maundy Thursday

JOIN US FOR
MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP
APRIL 17 | 7:00 PM

*A quiet, dark, reflective service
focused on the night of Jesus' arrest.*

Communion will be shared.



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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.



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Easter Worship

CHRIST IS RISEN!

SUNDAY, APRIL 20 | 9:30 AM

Rev. Jim Cochran, Preaching

Special Music:

Valley Choir

Jane Nienaber, organ

Rachel Williams, piano



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Happy Birthday Valley Family!



Larry Johnson
Ben Fadell
Jeanine Miakotina
Colin Poynter
Ray Anderson
Marci Franz
Mikum Kunkel
Rob Morrow
Jim Parks
Larry Eklund
Mary Schuette
Tom McKeon
Alexandria Slack
Pat Daily
Jaxon Hein-Smith
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Chelsie Larsen
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Andrew Gillett
Leone Johnson
Sam Sheldon
Betty Thorne
Rachel Williams
Becky Grosshuesch
Mike Pinter
Becky Brooking
Betsy Nichols
Mae Rudeen
Dede Hanson
Greg Van Heest
Andres Freeberg
Jeremy Lund
Charlie Rudeen
Camille Pinter
Jennifer Downs
Ben Sheldon
Elsie Grosshuesch
Brian Hole
Missy Rudeen



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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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