



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Easter Sunday
April 20, 2025

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

We Welcome Glad Easter
Arr. by Michael Cox

Trumpet Duet
Arr. by S. Drummond Wolff

EASTER WELCOME

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

GATHERING MUSIC

Canon of Praise for Easter Morning
Robert Petker

† Hymn #232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

(Verses 1 and 2: congregation; Verse 3: choir; Verse 4: All)

All: Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

All: Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Choir: *But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured. Alleluia!*
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

All: Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

PROFESSING OUR HUMANITY

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

Loving God, we struggle to understand the joyful mystery of our faith, just as the apostles struggled to understand the good news on Easter morning. We struggle to put your love into action in the world, failing to put our neighbors ahead of ourselves. When doubts or fears arise, help us not to be afraid but to be curious. Help us step into wonder, into learning, into trusting you for flourishing. Kindle our imaginations, and help us hold space for not knowing, but trusting you. Give us a spirit of humility all the days of our lives so we keep coming back to you. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

RECLAIMING EASTER JOY

John 1:1-5,14

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 #658 (v.1)

God is so good; God is so good;
God is so good; God's so good to me.

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

Congregational Blessing

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Great is the Lord

Michael W. & Deborah Smith, Arr. by Tedd Smith & Don Hustad

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:1-12

SERMON

What If?

Rev. Jim Cochrane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #238

Thine Is the Glory

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. (Refrain)

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
AND 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Love Lives - Easter!

Melissa Gottschalk

OFFERTORY

The Day Draws on with Golden Light
Edward C. Bairstow

† DOXOLOGY #606***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, we offer these gifts as signs of our time and labor. Receive the offering of our lives and fill us with your grace, that all creation might feast on your unending life. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

T CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hallelujah Chorus

(Please find copies of the sheet music in your pew)

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The kingdom of this world is become
the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ, and of His Christ;
And He shall reign for ever and ever,

King of kings! and Lord of lords! King of kings! and Lord of lords!
And He shall reign for ever and ever, King of kings! and Lord of lords!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fantasy on Jesus Christ is Risen Today
Arr. by Raymond Haan

Thank you to our musicians:

Rachel Williams, piano

Jane Nienaber, organ

Valley Choir- Janet Carlson, choir conductor

Matthew Hansen & Huiyi Cheng, trumpet

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

† Please rise in body or spirit.



Easter Flower Dedications



- Peggy Neibling**.....In memory of Betty Brooking
- Jim Parks**.....In memory of Karla Parks, Delbert
& Lorraine Parks, and Melbert and Shirly Holzer
- Karen Harms**.....In memory of Mom and Dad
- Margie Deutsch**.....In memory of Manfred Deutsch
- Greg & Mary Rom**.....In memory of Michael Hnatko,
Betty Hicks, Barbara & Ray Rom, and Paul Hicks
- Shirley & Mark Toering**.....In memory of John Jewel Pikkaart and
John Riemke Toering
- Cheryl Smith**.....In memory of my parents, Ken & Gay Smith
- Valerie & Scott Robinson**.....In honor of Phillip Robinson
- Rachel & Brian Hole**.....In memory of Bob Krentzian, Lisa Kummer
Rev. Howard Skulstad and Tyler Hole
- Tom & Virginia Day**.....In memory of our parents
- Ruth Wilterding**.....In memory of Aron
- Samantha Schellhaas**.....In honor of Valley!
- Betsy Nichols**.....In memory of Doug & Trudy Nichols
- Sharon & Brad Pleimling**.....In honor of peace in the world
- Mandy Lund**.....In memory of Donovan & Julie Lund
- Dada LaBelle**.....In memory of Zemina Mujcic & Sems Haidarevic
- Becky Brooking**.....In memory of Sundra (Brooking) Anderson & Michael Brooking
- Diane & Jim Cook**.....In honor of The Friendship Group:
Jeff, Jeremy, Bobby, Barb & James



Easter Flower Dedications



Gwyn Lang.....In honor of my mom,
Midge Faber and my mom's great grandson, Colter Osero

Jan Sacco.....In honor of our dear members who join us in worship from home

Dave & Helen Dechaine.....In honor of our grandchildren

Bonnie & Terry Goslinga.....In honor of Terry's sister, Sharon

Janet & Len Biggs.....In memory of our parents

Ben Kummer.....In memory of Lisa Kummer

Susie Potter.....In memory of Jan & George Potter

Roger Graphenteen.....In memory of my parents,
Palmer & Dorothy and my daughter, Allyson

Roger Michael.....In memory of Marian Michael

Nancy Phillips.....In memory of Susan VanWyk Benedict

Jill Reiswig.....In loving memory of Myrle Reiswig
and in honor of our sons, Paul & Tim.

Mary Ann Winter.....In memory of Isabel Leaf

Melinda Marshall.....In honor of our three granddaughters
and in memory of Melinda's mother, Florence

Lisa Beckstrom.....In honor of Valley!

Rev. Kate O'Brien.....In memory of Patrick O'Brien

Paula Landis.....In honor of Helen and Michael Webb

Mariah Messer.....In honor of God's children all over the world

Sheila & Hunter Sheldon.....In memory of Lois & Gordon Robinson,
Derald & June Sullivan & Jack Sheldon

Joys and Concerns

A Joy for **Kurt Wheeler** who is now officially cancer free after his surgery!

Prayers for **Lisa Beckstrom** who is recovering from COVID.

Continued prayers for **Phillip Robinson** who received his heart transplant on 3/21! Phillip will continue his recovery journey at home. 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** who is now home after being hospitalized for the flu 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>

SPECIAL OFFERINGS



Easter Changes Things!

Death is now understood as a part of life not an end to it. Love is now known as something that cannot be ignored, killed or buried. Life is! Love lives. Offerings are not burdens to bear but opportunities to celebrate. Giving liberates some who are oppressed by the spirit of those who have been liberated. It is why Easter is a time for receiving “the change” and offering the “Hallelujah.”

May your life be enriched this day as you take steps to be enrichers, or better yet, as you become repairers of the breach.

Remember to mark your denominational offering OGHS, and your Valley Special Easter Offering GMCN.

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: <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 20

9:30 am Worship: Easter

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Adult Ed Easter Break

Confirmation Class Easter Break

Youth/TEAMS Easter Break

Monday, April 21

Office Closed (Good Friday Observed)

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, April 22

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship

6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 23

Thursday, April 24

10:00 am Meals on Wheels

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, April 25

Saturday, April 26

10:00 am Spring Grounds Cleaning

12:00 pm Brew Crew

Sunday, April 27

9:30 am Worship with Communion

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

Ministers

All 381 members of this congregation.

Transitional Pastor

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Rev. Jim Cochrane

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Rev. Jim Cook

Rev. Bill Davnie

Rev. Kate O'Brien Soltau

Rev. David Phillips

Rev. Nancy Phillips

Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 6: 282 (154 in-person)

April 13: 250 (148 in-person)



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Adult Education | April 27 | 11:00 AM

ISLAMOPHOBIA

DR. TAMIM SAIDI, ISLAMIC RESOURCE GROUP

IRG's resident scholar, Dr. Tamim Saidi will host this Adult Ed class with the objective of coming to a more complete understanding of Islamic religion and culture with intent to become better acquainted and build relationships.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room

NEW MEMBER CLASS SPRING 2025

Saturday, May 17
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

CONTACT REV. JIM COCHRANE
JIM.COCHRANE@VALLEYCHURCH.NET | 763-588-0831

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SPRING CLEANING

SATURDAY, APRIL 26
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

OUTSIDE

South Lawn
Playground
Patio

INSIDE

Sanctuary
Community Rooms
Fellowship Hall Chairs



VALLEY BREW CREW! BREW CREW EVENT AT VALLEY



Saturday, April 26
12:00 - 5:00 PM

Valley Community
Presbyterian Church

COME CHECK OUT
THE BLUE RIBBON-
WINNING VALLEY
BREW CREW!

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Valley Community

OWÁMNIYOMNI INTERPRETIVE TOUR

HOSTED BY

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EXPLORE THE DECOLONIZED HISTORY OF OWÁMNIYOMNI
(ST. ANTHONY FALLS)

LEARN ABOUT DAKOTA LIFEWAYS, THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE
RIVER, AND THE DAKOTA-LED VISION FOR CULTURAL AND
ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION.

MAY 3 @ 10 A.M.

MEET AT EAST SIDE ENTRY TO STONE ARCH BRIDGE
(101 10TH AVE S, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55415)



SCAN TO REGISTER



SUGGESTED DONATION: \$10/ADULT, \$5/CHILD



12th Annual Taste of the 'Burbs

Thursday, May 8th, 2025
Time: 6:15 PM

Location: The Metropolitan
Club & Ballroom

Contact the Valley Office if you are interested in attending!

Do you have a graduate to celebrate this spring?

**Please join us in honoring our 2025
Valley graduates
Sunday, May 18 at 9:30 am.**

If you or someone you know is graduating from a degree or certification program this spring, please notify the office by May 12 so we can include them in the bulletin. office@valleychurch.net



**Fridays in
the Valley
Presents:**

SLIPJIG

Christopher Becknell, fiddle
Benjamin Crittenden, guitar



Friday, May 9, 2025 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
GREATER MINNEAPOLIS CRISIS NURSERY

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**Fridays in the Valley
Sunday Edition:**

DOLCE WINDS



Sunday, June 8, 2025 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
THE FATHER PROJECT

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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
Jim Saelens
Iris Hagelin
Jeff Lewis
Devin Smith
Jacob Labelle
Emmett Soltau
Becca Pitan

Chelsie Larsen
Christopher Bauer
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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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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