



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 27, 2025

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Opening Voluntary - by William Selby Jane Nienaber, organ
Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing - Arr. by Wilbur Held

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

O Blessed Spring
arr. Mark Sedio

Jane Nienaber

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The heavens declare the glory of God,

All: The earth proclaims God's handiwork.

One: The plants and trees show God's presence,

All: So let us join with all creation in praising God!

† Hymn #634

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life, you created us in your image to care for one another and all creation. Forgive us for turning away from you, ignoring the needs of our neighbors and the cries of the earth. As the sun brings light and warmth to this world, make us signs of your grace, through Christ our light and life, 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 #658

God Is So Good (verse 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

The Gift of Love
arr. Hal Hopson
(see hymn #693 for text)

Beth & Janelle Carlson, vocals
Paula Landis, vocals
Valley Handbells

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31 (Common English Bible)

SERMON

Look at These Scars

Rev. Jim Cochrane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #36

For the Fruit of All Creation

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience, still with thee in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way;
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Bill Davnie

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

Hymn of Promise
arr. John Ferguson
(see hymn #250 for text)

Jane Nienaber

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of creation, we give thanks for the goodness of the earth that you made and sustain. Unite us by your Spirit, that our lives and the gifts we offer today may be signs of your abundant mercy and live in thanksgiving for your grace. We pray this as we wait for the completion of your creation in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #37

Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows have vanished,
all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration, a song let us raise, till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving: to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Earth and All Stars
arr. Michael Burkhardt

Jane Nienaber

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

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• **Chancel Flowers** •

• Sunday, April 27 •

• Sponsored by April Kovacovich •

• *In memory of my mom, Marlys Hawkins & her birthday on April 23.* •

• Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall! •

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† Please rise in body or spirit.

Joys and Concerns

A Joy for **Kurt Wheeler** who is now officially cancer free after his surgery! He is thankful to Jesus and Valley for their prayers

Prayers for **Carolyn Kaehr**, who sends her love and appreciation for Valley as she is in hospice at Our Lady of Peace.

Continued prayers for **Valley Members** in their ongoing health journeys. Updates can be found here as they are made. To stay up-to-date be sure to follow their Caring Bridge profiles here:

Rick Carlson : <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/rickcarlson101>

Taichi Chen : <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen>

Susie Potter : <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/susiepotter>

Phillip Robinson: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/philliprobinson>

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 27

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

Monday, April 28

6:30 pm Session Meeting
7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, April 29

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

Wednesday, April 30

Thursday, May 1

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, May 2

Saturday, May 3

10:00 am Owámniyomni Interpretive Tour

Sunday, May 4

9:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
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

Educational Ministries Director

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Rachel Williams

Choral & Handbell Director

Janet M.T. Carlson

Sunshine Room Leader

Natalie Peña-Gallegos

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

April 13 : 282 (154 in-person)
April 20 : 382 (203 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

REGISTER NOW!

VBC 2025

JUNE 10-13
9 AM - 12 PM

**SCAN TO
REGISTER**



OWÁMNIYOMNI INTERPRETIVE TOUR

HOSTED BY

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khódayapi



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!



**Fridays in
the Valley
Presents:**

SLIPJIG

Christopher Becknell, fiddle
David Crittenden, guitar



Friday, May 9, 2025 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
GREATER MINNEAPOLIS CRISIS NURSERY

 Valley Community

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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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

2025 YOUTH MISSION TRIP

**FAITH IN ACTION,
CARING FOR CREATION**

WHO: YOUTH ENTERING 6TH GRADE-12TH GRADE

WHEN: June 18 - June 22, 2025

**WHERE: Milwaukee, Wisconsin/
Urban Ecology Center**

WHAT: Valley's Youth in grades 6-12 will travel to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They will stay at North Shore Presbyterian Church in Milwaukee and work with the Urban Ecology Center. They will have opportunities for fun and adventure, canoeing, fishing, art museum and more!

Cost: \$300 per youth, scholarships are available.

**Register
Here!**





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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