

# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, April 27, 2025

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# 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.

**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.**

**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!

# 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](mailto: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**

## **Head of Staff**

Rev. Jim Cochrane

## **Educational Ministries Director**

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

## **Office Administrator**

Savannah Martinez

## **Communications Director**

Mariah Messer

## **Music Coordinator**

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

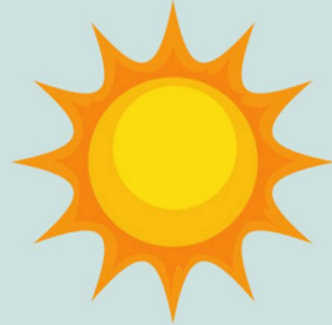
IRG's resident scholar, Dr. Tamim Saidi will host this Adult Ed class with the objective of coming to a more complete understanding of Islamic religion and culture with intent to become better acquainted and build relationships.

**Hosted in The Cornerstone Room**

# REGISTER NOW!

# VBC 2025

**JUNE 10-13**  
**9 AM - 12 PM**



**SCAN TO  
REGISTER**





# OWÁMNIYOMNI INTERPRETIVE TOUR

HOSTED BY



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**



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# **NEW MEMBER CLASS SPRING 2025**

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

CONTACT REV. JIM COCHRANE  
[JIM.COCHRANE@VALLEYCHURCH.NET](mailto: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](mailto: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



# Valley Community

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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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