

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 11, 2025

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Awesome God
Rich Mullin, Arr. by Bernadine Johnson

Rachel Williams, piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
Traditional Spiritual

Matt Weiss, guitar/vocals

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the darkest valley, at the banquet table;

All: In the hard work of life and the moments of ease;

One: In our day-to-day reality and times set aside;

All: Like at this time now, as we worship, listen, and pay attention;

One: With every step we take, this is the good news:

All: Goodness and mercy follow us; our cups overflow.

One: Let us worship God!

† Hymn #15

All Creatures of Our God and King (vs. 1, 2, 4, 6)

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother wind with clouds and rain, you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sister water, flowing clear, make music for your Lord to hear.
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain or sorrow grieve,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ bears your burdens and your fears; so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

God of wisdom, we confess the foolishness of our ways and our failure to follow you in your paths of right relationships, both with you and with others. We have gone astray; we feel lost. We have upheld our own interests first, to the detriment of others. We have failed to be generous with the poor and have abandoned our efforts to bring about justice.

We feel the stains of our sins, God; have mercy on us according to your steadfast love. Wash the sinfulness out of us, and help us to live more faithfully as your servants. We need your unfailing mercy and ask for your guiding hand on our lives. 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 (vs. 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

How Can I Keep From Singing
Arr. by Jay Althouse

Rachell Williams

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 23; John 10:22-30

SERMON

Concerning Shepherds

Rev. Jim Cochrane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #834

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand;
lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light;
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near;
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Indigenous Justice at Valley - Part 1

Jen Biggs

OFFERTORY

In the Garden
Charles Austin Miles

Matt Weiss

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Living God, responding to your love and grace, we offer our gifts of time, talent and service. May our offerings feed the hungry, cloth the poor, quench the thirsty and shelter the vulnerable. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Daddy Sang Bass
Carl Perkins

Matt Weiss

Chancel Flowers
Sunday, May 11
Sponsored by Jan Sacco
In memory of Carol Rock and in honor of all mothers everywhere
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 **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:

Prayers for **Tom & Barb Wasmoen's** daughter, **Chelsea Gusek**, who was recently diagnosed with Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma. To visit Chelsea's Caring Bridge, go to: <https://www.caringbridge.org/site/81a19644-2489-11f0-9b0d-15ed645a936d>

Continued prayers for **Taichi Chen** who underwent another round of scans on Thursday. To visit Taichi's Caring Bridge, go to: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen>

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

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, May 11

9:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
4:00 pm No Youth & TEAMS Group

Monday, May 12

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, May 13

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm Mission Possible- Library

Wednesday, May 14

Thursday, May 15

10:00 am Meals on Wheels
5:00 pm Presbytery Meeting
5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, May 16

Saturday, May 17

10:00 am New Member Class

Sunday, May 18

8:45 am Deacons Meeting- Cornerstone
9:30 am Worship Service- Grad Sunday
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
4:00 pm Youth & TEAMS Group End of Year Party!

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

April 27 : 225 (91 in-person)
May 4 : 232 (105 in-person)

NEW MEMBER CLASS SPRING 2025

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

CONTACT REV. JIM COCHRANE
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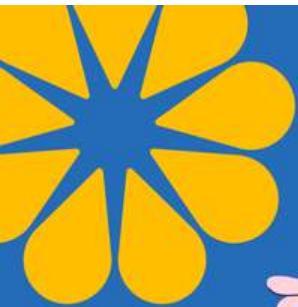
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VBC 2025



JUNE 10-13
9 AM - 12 PM

**SCAN TO
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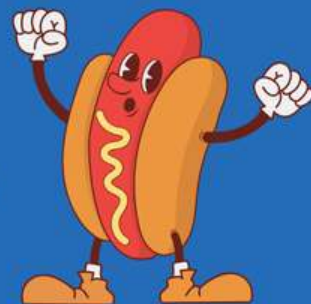


YOUTH GROUP & TEAM FUN!
JOIN US FOR

END-OF-YEAR FAMILY

PICNIC

Sunday
May 18



4 - 7 PM



LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER
WITH FOOD AND GAMES!



We'll provide burgers/hotdogs. Bring a side/dessert to share.

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC & CONCERT

SUNDAY, JUNE 8 | 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

We're trying something new! Join the Fellowship Committee in celebrating the start of summer by attending the Valley Church Picnic & FITV Concert! This is a family friendly event & all are welcome.

Please join us rain or shine to welcome the summer!



**Fridays in the Valley
Sunday Edition:**



DOLCE WINDS



Sunday, June 8, 2025 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
THE FATHER PROJECT



Valley Community



Happy Birthday Valley Family!



Gregory Rom
Phil Romine
Crystal Boyd
Bob Tripet
Walt Hanson
Annette Nichols
William Dudley
Ana Freeberg
Jackie Goiffon
Earl Shenk
Shirley Toering
Brian Hassel
Susan Tracy
Lucas Kopischke
Elizabeth Brooker
Vivian Bi
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Lillian LaBelle
Alex Gillett
Ellis Mead



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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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