

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 4, 2025

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder
James M. Black, Arr. by Mark Hayes

Rachel Williams, piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Dawn
Dario Marianelli

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name.

All: Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord! You have put gladness in our hearts.

One: You have turned our mourning into dancing;

All: You have taken off our sackcloth and clothed us with joy.

One: Let our souls praise you and not be silent:

Two: O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever.

† Hymn #240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation. (Refrain)

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)

We have been crucified with Christ.

Now we shall live forever. (Refrain)

Come let us praise the living God,

joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Jim Cochrane

O Lord our God, we know that your throne is surrounded by the voices of many angels and that you are worshiped by the multitudes of the heavenly host, but we so often fail to join in their "amen." We do not fall down and worship you as we know we should.

Too often we are distracted by our catch, by our high priests, by our mourning, and our doubts. When we feel lost, remind us that you are right there with us on the path to guide us home. Loving God, show yourself to us anew and give us the faith to cast our nets in other waters, reminding us that we are called to be Easter people in this upside-down world. 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

Canticle of Fellowship
Craig Courtney

Valley Choir

Therefore, as God's chosen people,
holy and dearly loved,
clothe yourselves with compassion,
kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

Forgive each other as the Lord forgave you,
and over all these virtues put on love.

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne, we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears our hopes our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts, that binds our hearts in love.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain,
we shall still be joined in the heart and hope to meet again.

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts, that binds our hearts in love.

From sorrow, toil and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and joy shall reign throughout eternity.

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts, that binds our hearts in love.
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts, that binds our hearts in love. In love.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 30
John 21:1-19

SERMON

From Ordinary to Extraordinary

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #510

We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

We gather here in Jesus' name; his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through the loving Son the Father makes us one:
come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here; everyone belongs.
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here; he breaks the bread; the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the one we love the most is now our gracious host:
come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

We are now a family, of which the Lord is head.
Though unseen, he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing; we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
come, take the bread; come drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

An Urgent Need From Liberty

Susie Potter

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

A Rose is Gently Blooming
Op. 122, No. 8 by Johannes Brahms

Rachel Williams, piano

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God, you have filled our nets to bursting. We give you thanks for your many gifts offered so freely to the world. We offer you all that we are, heart, soul, mind and strength. Use these gifts and empower us to use our lives to share your love with our neighbors, showing mercy in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Tis the Gift to Be Simple
Arr. by Michael Larkin

Rachel Williams

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, May 4

Sponsored by Peggy Neibling - *In honor of Valley staff!*

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the family of **Carolyn Kaehr** who passed away on 5/28. We give thanks to God for Carolyn and the love she gave to so many throughout her years.

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>

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, May 4

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, May 5

11:30 am Lunch Bunch

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, May 6

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship

6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 7

12:00 pm Formula for Hope

Thursday, May 8

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

6:15 pm Taste of the Burbs

Friday, May 9

7:00 pm Fridays in the Valley

Saturday, May 10

Sunday, May 11

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

4:00 pm No 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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SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 20: 382 (203 in-person)

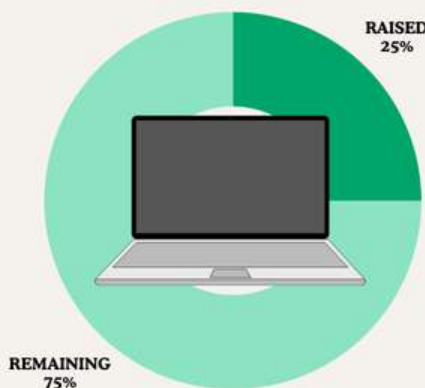
April 27: 225 (91 in-person)



MAY SPECIAL OFFERING
**CHROMEBOOKS FOR
 21ST CENTURY
 ACADEMY**

LET'S EMPOWER LIBERTY SCHOLARS

21st Century Academy needs
40 Chromebooks for scholar use **by June 15** in
 order to meet new program requirements of
 the Northside Achievement Zone (NAZ), a vital
 partner of the 21st Century Academy.
 VCPC Session unanimously voted to approve a
 Special Offering to fund this urgent need.



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 OUR PROGRESS &
 SCAN THE QR CODE
 TO DONATE**



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 Century Academy"** from
 the dropdown menu



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Adult Education | May 4 | 11:00 AM

ISLAMOPHOBIA - PART 2!

DR. TAMIM SAIDI, ISLAMIC RESOURCE GROUP

Dr. Tamim Saidi returns to Adult Ed for a second week! In Part 1 we learned about Islam and what it means to be Muslim in the world. This week, Dr. Saidi will discuss the current situation facing Muslim people living, working, and worshipping in MN and the United States.

We come together 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



**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



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



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REGISTER NOW!

**VBC
2025**

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

**SCAN TO
REGISTER**



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!





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
Suzan Gibson
Len Biggs

Kevin Hagelin
Amy Matthews
Haley Brooker
Thomas Schuette
Lloyd Olson
Jan Sacco
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Lynn Thier
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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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