



# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, July 13, 2025

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# GATHERING US IN

## PRELUDE

*Above All*  
by Baloché and LeBlanc, Arr. by Mark Hayes

Rachel Williams, piano

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Apart, Together*  
by Garreth Broke

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: We give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole heart;*

***All: We will tell of all your wonderful deeds.***

*One: We will be glad and exult in you,*

***All: We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.***

*One: Let us worship God!*

## † Hymn #307

### ***God of Grace and God of Glory***

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.

Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of the Living God, your fruit includes love, peace, patience and kindness but we are a divided, hateful people. We turn to violent means and violent words to settle our disputes. We are impatient with each other and fail to honor your commandment to love. Our idols fascinate and distract us from your rightful path. Forgive us. Turn us from our sinful ways. Set us free in Jesus Christ. 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.

### SUNG RESPONSE #647

#### **Give Thanks**

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";

Let the poor say, "We are rich," because of what the Lord has done for us!"

Give thanks. Give thanks.

## HEARING THE WORD

### TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

#### **Congregational Blessing:**

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

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*  
by Thomas A. Dorsey

Matt Weiss  
guitar/vocals

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 10:25-37

#### **SERMON**

*An Ever-Present Faith*

Rev. Jim Cochrane

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### † Hymn #762

#### **When the Poor Ones**

When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers,  
when the thirsty water give unto us all,  
when the crippled in their weakness strengthen others,

#### **Refrain:**

then we know that God still goes that road with us,  
then we know that God still goes that road with us.

When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,  
when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,  
when we love though hate at times seems all around us, (Refrain)

When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,  
when our lips can speak no words other than true,  
when we know that love for simple things is better, (Refrain)

When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance,  
when we learn how to make peace instead of war,  
when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor, (Refrain)

## 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

*Meals on Wheels*

Tom Wasmoen

### OFFERTORY

*I Heard My Savior Calling Me*  
by Johnnie Bailes and Zeke Clements

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Blessed are you, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate ourselves to the care and redemption of all you have made. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

## SENDING US OUT

### † Hymn #741

### **Guide My Feet**

Guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)  
guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)  
guide my feet while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Hold my hand . . .

Stand by me . . .

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*I Saw the Light*  
by Hank Williams

**The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.**

### **Chancel Flowers**

Sunday, July 13

Sponsored by Pastor Jim Cochrane  
*In gratitude for the Valley Community,  
especially its staff & officers!*

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

# Joys and Concerns

Prayers of comfort for **Len Biggs, Jen, Ty,** and **Evan,** as **Janet** passed away this past Tuesday, July 8th. Information about a memorial service is forthcoming.

**Sheila Sheldon** shared a prayer of praise that things went well for Natalie's dad and his work visa was renewed.

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:

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

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

**Chelsea Gusek:** <https://www.caringbridge.org/site/81a19644-2489-11f0-9b0d-15ed645a936d>

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

## 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, July 13**

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

## **Monday, July 14**

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

## **Tuesday, July 15**

11:30 am Valley Men's Luncheon Group

## **Wednesday, July 16**

## **Thursday, July 17**

10:00 am Meals on Wheels

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

## **Friday, July 18**

## **Saturday, July 19**

## **Sunday, July 20**

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

**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**

The entire Valley Community!

## **Transitional Pastor**

## **Head of Staff**

Rev. Jim Cochrane

## **Educational Ministries Director**

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

## **Summer Office Administrator**

Rachel Hole

## **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**

June 29: 214 (110 in-person)

July 6: 177 (87 in-person)

# CALL FOR FOOD DONATIONS!



**FOOD  
DRIVE**

thank you for your donation



**This summer, confirmand Evan will be collecting food donations for the food shelf at PRISM!**

He has set a goal of 5-6 bags/week, and needs your help to reach his goal. Fill up an extra grocery bag with pantry staples next time you are at the grocery store and bring it with you to church.

## Back to School Drive 2025



It's Summertime.  
That means it's time to  
**STOCK UP ON SCHOOL SUPPLIES, VALLEY!**  
**Donation Deadline: AUGUST 4**

### SHOPPING LIST

**Backpacks (high quality)**

Crayola colored pencils

**Crayola markers**

Dry erase markers

Ticonderoga #2 pencils

**Kleenex**

Elmers glue sticks

**Disinfectant wipes**





# Dakota Plant Walk with Tanažidan To Win

SATURDAY, JULY 19 | 10:00 - 11:00 AM  
2522 MARSHALL ST. NE, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55418

Tanažidan To Win is a Dakota and Ojibwe mother, author, and plant medicine enthusiast. She is also a Water Protector who upholds the traditions of her relative, Hąza Ínyanke Win (Woman Who Runs for Huckleberries or Betsey St. Clair). During the walk, Tanažidan To Win will share about her family's history and her connections with native plants and local waterways.

SCAN TO  
REGISTER



[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and register.



## EMERSON VILLAGE Grand Opening Event

It's time to  
celebrate!



Or go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/EmersonVillage>

Monday, July 21, 2025  
3:30 - 5:30 pm  
1800 Emerson Avenue N.  
Minneapolis MN 55411

Register to attend the event:





# SUMMER PICNIC & YARD GAMES

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP  
AND YARD GAMES!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23RD  
5:30-8:30 PM



## STRAT-O-MATIC® BASEBALL

Learn to Play:  
**Strat-O-Matic Baseball**

SUNDAY, JULY 27 | 12:00 - 3:30 PM



Brian Hole has offered to host this game day. He will bring all game materials, teach how the game works, and go over some basics on keeping scorebook at a baseball game. Don't worry! The Twins play at 1:00 pm and it will be on in the background. Please bring a side dish, salad, snack, or dessert to share! Contact Brian Hole if you have questions or call the office.

# SUMMER GOLF EVENT

BRIGHTWOOD HILL GOLF COURSE OF NEW BRIGHTON

**Saturday, August 9, 2025**

**Tee Times start at 3:00 pm**

Golfers & Non-Golfers Welcome



## FELLOWSHIP & PIZZA

After golfing or just for dinner, join us for a slice at **Adagio's Pizza Factory**.  
2052 Silver Lake Rd., New Brighton

**SPONSORED BY FAMILY MINISTRIES.**

## TICKETS

**Adults \$20 | Kids 12 & under \$10**

A portion of each ticket supports the Y.E.S. Youth Education Scholarship Fund.

**SIGN-UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL OR  
CONTACT THE VALLEY OFFICE TO SIGN-UP!**  
763-588-0831 [OFFICE@VALLEYCHURCH.NET](mailto:OFFICE@VALLEYCHURCH.NET)



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ELDERS FOR CLIMATE ACTION TWIN CITIES & THIRd ACT MINNESOTA PRESENT

## An Evening with Kate Knuth 2025 Minnesota Climate Action Framework - Updating Our State's Climate Plan

Monday, August 18, 2025

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Valley Community Presbyterian Church

Kate Knuth, Climate Director, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
Join us for Kate's presentation, Q&A, dessert & mingling!

Kate serves as the Climate Director for the MPCA. With a deep commitment to addressing climate change, she leverages her extensive background in public service, academic research, and community engagement to this role.

To learn more and register visit <https://tinyurl.com/yhfndwyj>



# Happy Birthday Valley Family!



Renee Desarmeaux

Jeanne Ewald

Darrell Rathje

Rachel Tarbell

Ruth Tjaden

Denise Kara

Marcia Lubin

Roger Michael

Neal Gusek

Erin Kopischke

Scott Robinson

John Toering

Justin Toering

Bonnie Ulmer

Lisa Tarbell

Pete Zywicki

Jillene Hayes

Benjamin Marshall

Irene Williams

Henry Grosshuesch

Anthony Kovacovich

Nathanial Slack

Robin Chen

Cole Priem

Bill Keen

Don Kovacovich

Jessica Musta

Adrian Musta

Kathie Holman

Ty Miller

Peggy Oberfeld

Joel Freeberg

Peggy Neibling

Richard Martens

Charlotte Davnie

Drew Heinonen

Jill Toering

Wendy Bauer

Kaylee Deef

Mersiha (Dada) LaBelle

Mary Pukite Morrow

Sue Payne



# 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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