



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 20, 2025

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Nocturne in C# Minor
by Frederic Chopin

Rachel Williams, piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

By the Still Waters Op. 114
by Amy Beach

CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us here to worship. We carry many worries and are distracted by many things, but here, in this time and place, we are invited to set them aside, to be fully present. Let's pause and take a deep breath.

One: We remember who we are:

All: We are the body of Christ.

One: We remember whose we are:

All: We are God's beloved children.

One: We remember our chief purpose:

All: To glorify and enjoy God forever.

One: Let us worship God!

† Hymn #630

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rachel Hole

Holy God, we are pulled in many different directions. We are distracted by the news, quick to point fingers and pass judgment, but reluctant to examine the ways we benefit from the injustice in our world. We are distracted by our fears. We fear the loss of health, safety, and financial security. Instead of proclaiming your abundance, we operate from a mindset of scarcity. We are distracted by our tasks, by calendars that shape our priorities, leaving us with less time and energy for what is most important.

We confess our distraction, even as we acknowledge that sometimes we embrace it because it's easier than sitting at Jesus's feet, learning what it means to follow him. We confess that distraction is easier than discipleship. Forgive us. Help us discern and choose the better path as we seek to follow Christ, in whose name 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.

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

Bright Morning Stars
Arr. by Jay Althouse

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18:1-10; Luke 10:38-42

SERMON

The Dishes Will Be There Tomorrow

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #321

The Church's One Foundation

vss. 1, 3 & 5

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

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

PRISM School Supplies Drive

Andrew Pitan

OFFERTORY

Summer
by Joe Hisaishi

Rachel Williams
piano, vocals

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Abundant God, we give thanks for your grace and provision in our lives. Use these gifts to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our community and the world. May they witness to your love and care for all people, as we offer our time and energy to do the same. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #721

Christ Be Beside Me

Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, Light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me; Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me; in ears that hear me Christ ever be.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation
Arr. by Carol Tornquist

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, July 20

Sponsored by Peggy Meyer

In Memory of Chuck

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Jim, Becca, and big sister Nora welcomed the newest member of their family, **Charlotte Rae**, on July 12. Everyone is doing wonderfully!

We give thanks to God for the life of **Janet Biggs**. A memorial service will be held at Valley on Monday, August 18 at 1:00 PM.

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
to set up withdrawals directly from your account.
You can always adjust the amount.

This Week at Valley

Sunday, July 20

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, July 21

3:30-5:30 Emerson Village Grand Opening

6:30 pm Fellowship Committee Meeting

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, July 22

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship

Wednesday, July 23

5:30-8:30 Picnic and Yard Games at Valley

Thursday, July 24

10:00 am Meals on Wheels

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, July 25

Saturday, July 26

Sunday, July 27

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

12:00-3:30 Strat-O-Matic Baseball at Valley

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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The entire Valley Community!

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Rev. Bill Davnie

Rev. Kate O'Brien Soltau

Rev. David Phillips

Rev. Nancy Phillips

Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July 6: 177 (87 in-person)

July 13: 235 (107 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



It's time to
celebrate!

EMERSON VILLAGE Grand Opening Event



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



Valley Community





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



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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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