

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 17, 2025

GATHERING US IN

This Little Light of Mine

Come Just As You Are

by Joseph Sabolick, arr. by Mark Hayes

Arr. by Calvin Taylor

CALL TO WORSHIP One:

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

All:

PRELUDE

We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; With our mouths we will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. We declare that your steadfast love is established forever:

One: All: Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. One: You said that you would establish yourself for all generations;

All: Praise the Lord!

Let us worship God!

One: t 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.

to God in the highest, hosanna and praise! PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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:

Rachel Williams, piano

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

God, you have given each of us many gifts, but sometimes we do not recognize what gifts we have to share, and hide them, under a bushel. You tell us that all gifts are needed, but we treat some as more special than others. For the times we have left our

gifts unused, for the times we have not accepted the gifts others bring, we repent, O God, and ask for forgiveness and grace, as promised through your Son, 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.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

RESPONSE TO THE GOOD NEWS #48 Rain Down Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your people.

Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life.

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

HEARING THE WORD

Congregational Blessing:

SERMON

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Blessed Assurance by Phoebe P. Knapp, arr. by Victor Labenske

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:13-18

An Ordinary Guy

Rev. Bill Davnie

vss. 1-3

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

t Hymn #769

For Everyone Born, a Place at the Table For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,

a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,

for everyone born, a star overhead, Refrain: and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share, with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair, (Refrain) For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,

for young and for old, the right to belong, (Refrain)

the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE THE LORD'S PRAYER Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be

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. † Please rise in body or spirit.

done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our

MINUTE FOR MISSION Public Education Sunday

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We are not our own; we belong to you, O God. We extend our arms and open our hands to present our offerings to you. We make these gestures to outwardly show our hearts' overflowing gratitude for all your gifts. Receive these gifts from us, and through them bring life and hope to many. Amen.

I've Got Peace/Shall We Gather at the River?" Arr. by Martha Sherrill Kelsey

Paula Landis

SENDING US OUT

† Hvmn #722

OFFERTORY

Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.

As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children lost and lone. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.

O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart. And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where

until vour blessed face I see, vour rest, vour jov, vour alory share.

'Tis the Gift to Be Simple

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Arr. by Michael Larkin

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, August 17 Sponsored by Bonnie & Terry Goslinga

In honor of our children and grandson.

Sian up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

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Joys and Concerns

Prayers for **Janet Carlson** who is recovering from a successful knee surgery on Monday. She was up and walking with PT just a few hours post surgery!

Continued prayers for **Tom Magill** who is getting stronger every day and feeling good overall. The next step will be to meet with a radiologist and make a plan from there.

A reminder that a celebration of life service for **Janet Biggs**, will be held at Valley with Rev. Jim Cochrane presiding, tomorrow at 1:00 PM with a reception to follow downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

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: The Chens shared that Taichi's cancer has spread. He meets with his oncologist tomorrow to discuss next steps. 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 | <u>chelsie.larsen@valleychurch.net</u> to set up withdrawals directly from your account.
 You can always adjust the amount.

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting 7:00 pm Elder Climate Action at Valley Tuesday, August 19 11:30 am Valley Men's Luncheon Group Wednesday, August 20 6:00 pm OA Group Thursday, August 21 10:00 am Meals on Wheels 5:30 pm 12-Step Unity 5:30 pm Indigenous Justice Task Force Friday, August 22 Saturday, August 23 Sunday, August 24 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!

This Week at Valley

1:00 pm Janet Biggs Memorial

Sunday, August 17

Monday, August 18

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

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 August 3: 191 (85 in-person) August 10: 156 (81 in-person)

Valley Staff

Head of Staff

Transitional Pastor

Rev. Jim Cochrane

The entire Valley Community!

Educational Ministries Director

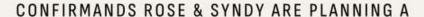
Ministers

CALL FOR FOOD DONATIONS!



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.



BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER!

 $\hat{S}_{00}^{\theta_{00}}$ All proceeds will go to Liberty Community Church $\hat{S}_{00}^{\theta_{00}}$

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 HOMECOMING SUNDAY 10:30 AM {AFTER WORSHIP}

Confirmation candidates Rose & Syndy, along with their mentors, are planning a Bake Sale for their Confirmation Project. If you would like to donate some goodies to be included in the Bake Sale, please contact Katie Decker or Susie Potter!

DRIVERS NEEDED

Meals on Wheels

3RD & 4TH THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

AUGUST 21 & 28

ROUTES INCLUDE:

Crystal New Hope Robbinsdale Golden Valley



CONTACTS:

Gail Smith - 3rd Thur Marge Thurston - 4th Thur use your directory or call the office.



Valley Community

SUMMER 2025

Echo Service Sunday, August 31st @9:30 AM







Fall Festival

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 5:00 - 8:00 PM

\$15 ADULT, \$10 KIDS (EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT: \$13 ADULT/\$8 KIDS ENDS 9/1)





Get your tickets now! Scan the QR code or visit https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/2025-vcpc-fall-festival

Homecoming Sunday

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 9:30 AM











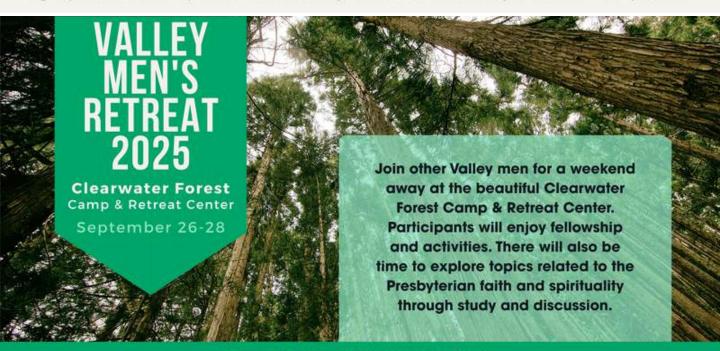
Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative Light the Way Home fundraising event

Join Beacon as part of a community of support to give generously, introduce newcomers to supportive housing, and advance our vision that all people have a home.

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 Noon – 1 p.m. Heritage Center of Brooklyn Center 6155 Earle Brown Drive Brooklyn Center, MN 55430



Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or call the Valley Office | Contact Carolyn Anderson with questions



Sign-Up in Fellowship Hall -or-Contact the Church Office





Michael Deef Larry Matthews Sofie Vogel Jack Westerlund Richard Marshall Rev. Bill Davnie **Donald Carlson** Dawn Williams Ruth Wilterding Luke Priem Jessica Goslinga Jack Larsen Sean Linc Miles Rudeen Douglas Smith John Gove Bennett Gonsior

Finbarr McCarthy Jennifer Brant Kelsie Hagelin James Husnik Jay Perry Maddie Pukite Melissa Gottschalk Mark Musta Rev. Jim Cook Mary Anderson Alexander Dunham Ben Brooker Mildred Davison Sharon Decker Arlene Freeberg Carole Martens



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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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