



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 17, 2025

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Come Just As You Are
by Joseph Sabolick, arr. by Mark Hayes

Rachel Williams, piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

This Little Light of Mine
Arr. by Calvin Taylor

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

All: With our mouths we will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

One: We declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

All: Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

One: You said that you would establish yourself for all generations;

All: Praise the Lord!

One: Let us worship God!

† 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.
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:
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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.

Rain Down

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

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

Congregational Blessing: 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

SERMON

An Ordinary Guy

Rev. Bill Davnie

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #769

For Everyone Born, a Place at the Table

vss. 1-3

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,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong, (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.

OFFERTORY*I've Got Peace/Shall We Gather at the River?"*

Arr. by Martha Sherrill Kelsey

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.

SENDING US OUT**† Hymn #722*****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 hungry 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 your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE***'Tis the Gift to Be Simple*

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.

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

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 | chelsie.larsen@valleychurch.net
to set up withdrawals directly from your account.
You can always adjust the amount.

This Week at Valley

Sunday, August 17

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, August 18

1:00 pm Janet Biggs Memorial

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!

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

August 3: 191 (85 in-person)

August 10: 156 (81 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.

CONFIRMANDS ROSE & SYNDY ARE PLANNING A

BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER!



All proceeds will go to Liberty Community Church



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.



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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

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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





**Light the
Way Home**



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

VALLEY MEN'S RETREAT 2025

**Clearwater Forest
Camp & Retreat Center
September 26-28**

**Join other Valley men for a weekend
away at the beautiful Clearwater
Forest Camp & Retreat Center.
Participants will enjoy fellowship
and activities. There will also be
time to explore topics related to the
Presbyterian faith and spirituality
through study and discussion.**

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



Happy Birthday Valley Family!



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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Scan to give online!