

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 5, 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

Uncloudy Day
by Josiah Kelley Atwood

Matt Weiss,
guitar/vocals

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome to this ancient place:

All: House of prayer for many nations; home to all who come.

One: Welcome to this gathering place:

All: Friend and stranger, saint and sinner in all who gather here.

One: Come with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning:

**All: All who hunger and all who thirst for life in all its fullness will find
fullness through the generosity of our God.**

† Hymn #515

I Come With Joy

****Instrumental one time through****

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here, alive among us here.

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we have allowed pride and fear to divide your body. We hold grudges, judge quickly, and forget the grace we ourselves have received. We speak more than we listen and resist those who are different from us. As we prepare to gather around your table of unity, forgive us for building walls where you call us to build bridges. Humble us, O Lord. In a world desperate for healing, help us to live as your reconciled people. Make us one in Christ, bound together by your Spirit of peace, 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 #447

We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (2x)

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

Congregational Blessing:

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore
Cesáreo Gabaráin

Valley Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 1:1-7; 12-14 CEB; Luke 17:5-10; CEB

SERMON

The Dinner Table

Rev. Jim Cochrane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #769

For Everyone Born

vss. 1-3, 5

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)**

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free, **(Refrain)**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bread for the World
World Communion Sunday

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

Amazing Grace
by John Newton

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of all peoples and nations, we thank you for the opportunity to come to your table in fellowship. Thank you for this spiritual food that unites us with your followers throughout time and space and reminds us of our common calling. Grant that we might go to the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #315

In The Midst of New Dimensions

vss. 1-3, 5

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

Refrain:

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar, we your people, ours the journey
now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

Through the flood of starving people, warring factions, and despair,
who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? **(Refrain)**

As we stand, a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,
grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams. **(Refrain)**

Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
may your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again. **(Refrain)**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

In the Sweet By and By
by S.F. Bennett and J.P. Webster

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, October 5

Sponsored by Carole Martens

In honor of Carole's parents' Anniversary!

John and Malvina Schmidt

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for **Karen Harms** who is having her lung cancer surgery on Monday, October 6 at North Memorial. The hope is that no further treatment will be needed post-surgery.

Prayers for **Margie Deutsch** who will be having surgery on October 15. She will be recovering in the hospital for a few days.

Continued prayers for **Valley Members** in their ongoing health journeys. Updates can be found here as they are made. For those who have them, stay up-to-date by following their Caring Bridge profiles here:

Tom Magill will have his final radiation treatment on Monday. Blood work will follow. Thanks to our Valley family for prayers, well wishes, and cards.

Karen Harms will be having surgery on October 6. The hope is that no further treatment will be needed post-surgery.

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

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

Susie Potter: After Susie's recent PET scan, she learned there's concern for a recurrence of cancer. She will have a biopsy soon. <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, October 5

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:00 am Adult Education
5:30 pm Teams & Youth Group

Monday, October 6

11:30 am Lunch Bunch
7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, October 7

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship
6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

Wednesday, October 8

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

Thursday, October 9

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, October 10

7:00 pm Fridays in the Valley

Saturday, October 11

Sunday, October 12

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:00 am Adult Education
5:30 pm Teams & Youth 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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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

September 21: 259 (154 in-person)
September 28: 171 (100 in-person)



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Adult Education | October 5 | 11:00 AM

HOW'S THE WATER? DRINKING WATER EDITION
WITH VALLEY MEMBER JULIE WESTERLUND



Valley member Julie Westerlund is the One Watershed, One Plan Coordinator for the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources and is our resident water expert. Where does my drinking water come from? Is it safe? What is happening to make sure we have enough safe drinking water in the future? Join Julie for an exploration of these questions and more about our most precious natural resource.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room



VCPC CHOIR

**VALLEY IS EXCITED TO ENJOY
OUR CHOIR ON SELECT SUNDAYS!**

PERFORMING

Sunday, October 5 | Wednesday, October 1
Sunday, October 19 | Wednesday, October 15
Sunday, November 2 | Wednesday, October 29
Sunday, November 16 | Wednesday, November 12

REHEARSING

Wednesday rehearsals take place
on the Wednesday the same
week before the Sundays above
at 7:00pm unless specified
otherwise.



• DRIVERS NEEDED •

Meals on Wheels

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

**3RD & 4TH THURSDAY
OF EVERY MONTH**

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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**Fridays in
the Valley
Presents:**



St Croix Valley Flute Collective

Friday, October 10, 2025 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
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Adult Education | October 12 | 11:00 AM

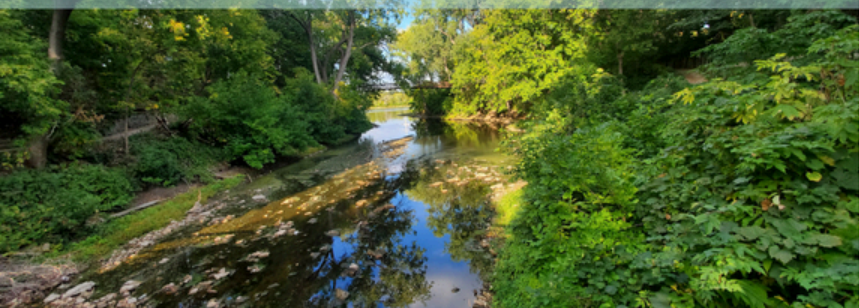
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' SUNDAY ARTIST TALK

WITH CASSANDRA ROY (OJIBWE) AND JAIDA GREY EAGLE (OGLALA LAKOTA)

Come meet Indigenous photographers Cassandra Roy (Ojibwe) and Jaida Grey Eagle (Oglala Lakota). Cassandra will speak about her images featuring native plant relatives and Hahá Wakpádan / Bassett Creek with grant support from the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization. Jaida will share her portrait photographs of Indigenous water protectors and artists, including the textile artist who created Valley's land acknowledgment banner.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room

Third Annual Hahá Wakpádan Water Blessing



Please join us in honoring the creek on Indigenous Peoples' Day

We'll celebrate and honor Hahá Wakpádan (Bassett Creek) through song, land acknowledgment, and updates about the Hahá Wakpádan / Bassett Creek Oral History Project. Indigenous participants will share ways to care for the lands and waters of Mni Sóta Makoce (Minnesota).

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 13
10-11 AM**

**WEST MEDICINE LAKE PARK
1920 WEST MEDICINE LAKE DRIVE,
PLYMOUTH, MN 55441**

**RAIN OR SHINE, FREE,
AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY!**
REGISTRATION IS OPTIONAL.

**Scan the QR code to
learn more and register!**





Happy Birthday Valley Family!

Lisa Cawhorn
Lonnie Johnson
Brayden Rude
Reid Nichols
Gail Smith
Rachel Hole
Brandon Novy
Cathy LaPoint
April Kovacovich
Justina Nyongkah
Valerie Craven
Nancy Husnik
Aubrie Larsen
Thom Reinert
Madelyn Soens
Alexander Kara
Jack Perry
Earl Robertson
Max Westerlund
Ginger Jackson
Benjamin Gillett

Myron Jones
Susan Lee
Chrisdel Nyongkah
Cheryl Smith
Ne'von St. John
Peggy Meyer
Eli Matthews Doering
Linda Wold
Lilianna Schellhaas
Andrew Freeberg
Les Freeberg
Ann Keen
Earl Michael
Kathy Zeman
Alex Graham
Nancy Olson
Mary Ann Winter
Janet Triplett
Catherine Paulson
Norman Chervany
Ann Van Heest





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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.



LOGO DESIGN BY WÓOKIYE WIN
(SISSETON WAHPETON DAKHÓTA
AND OJIBWAY)

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