

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 12, 2025

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Breath

Rachel Williams,
piano

by Marie Barnett, Arr. by Mark Hayes

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing to the Lord a new song;

All: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

One: Sing and give praise to God's name;

All: Tell the Good News to one another from day to day.

One: Come, let us worship God together!

† Hymn #21 **Wakan Tanaka Taku Nitawa ("Great Mystery, Your Works...")** **Many and Great, O God, Are They Works**

Many and great, O God, are thy works, Maker of earth and sky.
Thy hands have set the heavens with stars; thy fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at thy word the waters were formed. Deep seas obey thy voice.

Grant unto us communion with thee, thou star-abiding One.
Come unto us and dwell with us. With thee are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with thee.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of truth and mercy, you created all peoples in your image and called us to live together in love and justice. Yet we confess that we have not lived as your people. We have ignored the wisdom and dignity of all your people, and we have looked away from the pain our churches have caused through silence, through complicity, and through the misuse of your name. We confess that the land on which we gather tells stories of broken treaties and stolen homes. We have benefitted from injustice and forgotten those who pay the price. Forgive us, O God. Open our eyes to truth and open our hearts to the work of healing and repair. Renew in us the courage to listen deeply, to walk humbly, and to build right relationships with all your beloved children. By your Spirit, make us one body, reconciled through Christ, who came not to dominate, but to serve. 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.

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

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

Jim Rock

Congregational Blessing:

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Song of Thanksgiving
by Ray Makeever

***For lyrics, see page 5**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:11-19 CEB

SERMON

Lest We Forget

Rev. Jim Cochrane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #36

For The Fruit of All Creation

vss. 1, 3

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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

O God the Creator

by Elizabeth Thunderbird Haile (Shinnecock Nation)
and Cecil Corbett (Nez Perce/Choctaw Nations)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous Creator, every good gift flows from your hands: sunlight and rain, seed and soil, breath and life. As the earth yields its abundance for our benefit, so we bring offerings to you. Bless them that they may nourish your world and bring healing where there is need. As the seasons turn, teach us to give as freely as your creation, until every living thing can rejoice in your care and know your love. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #715

The Earth Belongs to God Alone

The earth belongs to God alone; hard clay, rich soil, fine sand.
Give thanks wherever food is grown on borrowed holy land.

The fertile ground through years of toil has cried for Sabbath rest—
a time of peace for worn-out soil so land can be refreshed.

All life belongs to God alone, in wilderness and fields.
From fallow land, or plowed and sown, God gives the good it yields.

Till God endows the earth once more with Eden's state of grace,
may we endeavor to restore all land as sacred space.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Song at the Center
by Marty Haugen

For lyrics, see page 6*Chancel Flowers**

Sunday, October 12

Sponsored by Cheryl Smith

*Congratulations to my son, Cameron Smith,
and daughter-in-law, Alysén Hein, on their wedding!*

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

Song of Thanksgiving

by Ray Makeever

Sing the song of thanksgiving, Sing the song of the Earth
Sing the song of the ripened fruit now given birth.
Sing the song of the harvest, Sing the song of the seed
Sing the song of the fervent prayer for all our need.

Sing the song of the sunshine, Sing the song of the rain
Sing the song of the amber fields of waving grain.
Sing the song of the pumpkin, Sing the song of the corn
Sing the song of the ground from which all life is born.

Chorus:

(option A) O Mitakuye Owasin, Mitakuye Owasin, Mitakuye Owasin
(Dakota for: "We are all related")

(option B) Wakan Tanka, Tunkashina, Maka Ina, Niya Agoyapi
Wakan Tanka, Tunkashina, Maka Ina, Niya Agoyapi
(Dakota for: Great Mystery Grandfather, Mother Earth, Bread of Life)

Sing the song of the hunger, Sing the song of the feast
Sing the song of flour and water, salt and yeast.
Sing the song of the baking, Sing the song of the bread
Sing the song of the faith all people can be fed.

Sing the song of the sweetgrass, Sing the song of the sage
Sing the song of the sacred voice in every age.
Sing the song of the old ones, Sing the song of the child
Sing the song of the wisdom, wonder and the wild.

Chorus

Sing the song of the seasons, Sing the song of the years
Sing the song of the heart that beats through all our fears
Sing the song of the circle, Sing the song of the hands
Sing the song of the peace that no one understands.

Song at the Center

by Marty Haugen

Refrain:

From the corners of creation to the center where we stand,
Let all things be blessed and holy, all is fashioned by your hand;
Brother wind and sister water, mother earth and father sky,
Sacred plants and sacred creatures, sacred people of the land.

In the east, the place of dawning, there is beauty in the morn,
Here the seeker finds new visions as each sacred day is born;
All who honor life around them, all who honor life within,
They shall shine with light and glory when the morning breaks again.

In the south, the place of growing, there is wisdom in the earth,
Both the painful song of dying and the joyful song of birth;
As the earth gives up her life-blood so her children's hearts may beat,
We give back to her our rev'ence holy ground beneath our feet. **(Refrain)**

In the north, the place of wisdom, there is holy darkness deep,
Here the silent song of myst'ry may awake you from your sleep;
Here the music still and holy sounds beneath the snow and night
In the ones who wait with patience for the coming of the light.

In the west, the place of seeing, there is born a vision new
Of the servant of the servants, who proclaimed a gospel true;
Let the creatures of creation echo back creation's prayer,
Let the Spirit now breathe through us and restore the sacred there. **(Refrain)**

Joys and Concerns

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

Prayers for **Gail and Doug Smith**, as Doug is now on hospice at home.

Prayers for PRISM's Advancement Director, **Alisha Weis**, who was recently diagnosed with cancer.

We give thanks to God for the life of former Valley member, **Kris Frey**, whose Celebration of Life service was at Mercy Hill Church in Minnetonka on Saturday, October 11. Continued prayers for her family and loved ones.

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 is doing well and awaiting follow up after completing radiation treatments.

Karen Harms had successful lung surgery on October 6. The surgical team believes that all the cancer was removed and further treatment may be needed.

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

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

Susie Potter: Susie's biopsy has been scheduled for October 21.

<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 12

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Education

5:30 pm Teams & Youth Group

Monday, October 13

10:00 am Haha Wakapadan Water Blessing

6:30 am Deacon Meeting

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, October 14

11:30 Valley Men's Luncheon Group

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship

6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

Wednesday, October 15

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 16

10:00 am Meals on Wheels

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

6:00 pm Garden Potluck

Friday, October 17

Saturday, October 18

Sunday, October 19

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Adult Ed Sabbath

TEAMS & Youth Group Break

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!

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Rev. Nancy Phillips

Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

September 28: 171 (100 in-person)

October 5: 211 (106 in-person)



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Adult Education | October 12 | 11:00 AM

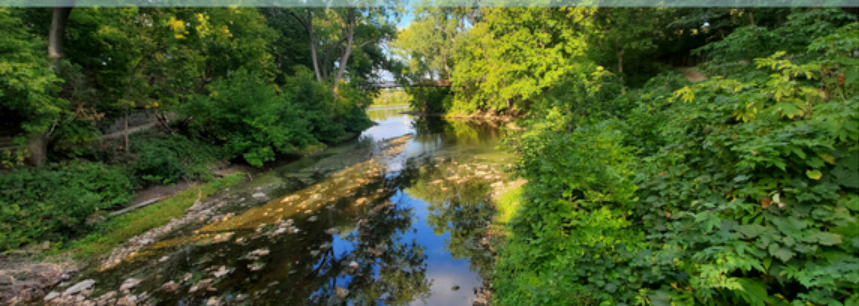
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' SUNDAY ARTIST TALK

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!**



• 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



**Sign Up on Breeze or
in Fellowship Hall**

Volunteer Coordinators:

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



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PC(USA)

**Oct
26
4-5 PM**

**Hosted by
Valley Youth**

Candy

**A
Community
Event
with a
Cause!**

**Trunk
or
Treat
for PRISM**



**Bring pantry items for PRISM and
help us fill the trailer at our annual
Trick or Treat for PRISM drive.
Can't wait to see you there!**

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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
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Earl Michael
Kathy Zeman
Alex Graham
Nancy Olson
Mary Ann Winter
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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.



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AND OJIBWAY)

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