



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 22, 2026

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Holy Manna
W. Walker, arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Rachel Williams,
piano

Kaia Sand,
oboe

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Ah, Holy Jesus
arr. Paul Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing joyfully to the Lord!

People: Sing to God a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

Leader: For the word of the Lord is right and true;

People: God is faithful in all He does.

Leader: The Lord loves righteousness and justice;

People: The earth is full of His unfailing love.

† Hymn #174

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,
she who danced when earth was new.

Follow closely what she teaches,
for her words are right and true.

Wisdom clears the path to justice,
showing us what love must do.

Listen to the voice of Wisdom,
crying in the marketplace.
Hear the Word made flesh among us,
full of glory, truth, and grace.
When the word takes root and ripens,
peace and righteousness embrace.

Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;
nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit-guide and close companion,
bring to light our sacred worth.
Free us to become your people,
holy friends of God and earth.

† Please rise in body or spirit.



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

Holy God, we love to live by the rules. We love clear answers. We love right and wrong. We love swift justice. We love to pick up stones, but you show us another way. You prioritize mercy over legalism. You prioritize people over tradition. You prioritize love over everything. Forgive us for losing sight of what truly matters. Forgive us for clinging tighter to laws than to each other or to you. Forgive us. Soften our hearts. Root us in mercy, justice, and love. In the name of Jesus Christ 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 #520

Taste and See

Taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.
O taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

Congregational Blessing:

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Ash Grove
arr. Anne Krentz Organ

SCRIPTURE READING

John 8:2-11 (CEB)

SERMON

The Good News Is...
Rooted in Justice, Mercy, and Faithfulness

Rev. Kyle Sandison

† Please rise in body or spirit.



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 just and unjust, a place at the table,
 abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
 in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
 for just and unjust, a new way to live, **(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)**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood:
 Mr. Rogers Day*

OFFERTORY

*Won't You Be My Neighbor?
 Fred Rogers*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Compassionate God, thank you for your faithfulness to us. Use these gifts to further your work of mercy and justice in the world, that all would be transformed by your great love. Amen.

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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Morning Has Broken
Traditional

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, March 22

Sponsored by [Peggy Neibling](#)

In loving memory of Betty Brooking

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

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Joys and Concerns

So much joy and a huge sigh of relief! **Rev. Bill Davnie** has returned home safely from Palestine!

Joy! The **Karwans** closed on their house on Friday, March 13! Over the weekend, Silab packed and moved almost all of their belongings to the new house. They appreciated all the offers of help!

Prayers of healing for **Tom Day** who had open heart surgery on March 16 at North Memorial. Everything went well and according to plan. Please continue to pray for a smooth recovery.

Dawn Hill is home from Rochester after having a successful surgery on Friday, March 13. The surgeon believes he got all the cancer, though pathology will look for any remaining specks. If none, no chemo will be needed! She says thank you for all the cards and prayers. Continue to keep Dawn in your prayers as she recovers.

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 CaringBridge profiles here:

Doug Smith is receiving hospice care at home.

Carole Martens continues to manage her CLL.

Karen Harms is enjoying time with her daughter in Florida.

Taichi Chen: Taichi will have a scan this Monday, March 23.

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

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

Susie Potter: Susie's MRI on her pelvis revealed no cancer! On March 24, she meets with the U of M cancer research team to learn about potential trial drugs.

<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, March 22

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:00 am Adult Ed
5:30 pm Youth/TEAMS

Monday, March 23

6:30 Session Meeting
7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, March 24

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

Wednesday, March 25

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group
6:00 pm 5th Wednesday in Lent

Thursday, March 26

10:00 am Meals on Wheels
5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, March 27

Saturday, March 28

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship
11:00 am Adult Ed
5:30 pm Youth/TEAMS

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!

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The entire Valley Community!

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SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 8: 202 (97 in person)
March 15: 209 online



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Adult Education | March 22 | 11:00 AM

NURTURING THE EARTH, ONE WATER BOTTLE AT A TIME
CAROLYN ANDERSON, VCPC



My goal in climate work is to nurture the Earth and help to restore it. The work can be overwhelming, but I get a little sense of control by what I do in my own home. This presentation is not about doing everything, but about doing something. I am pleased to be able to share what we do in the Anderson household. I look forward to hearing what ideas you will be able to add.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room

PACK THE PEWS FOR PRISM

It's March.

That means it's time to

PACK THE PEWS, VALLEY!

Donation Deadline: **MARCH 29**

WEEK 4 (March 22-29)

LUNCHBOX

**nut butters, jelly, fruit
snacks, granola bars, juice
boxes, nuts raisins/dried fruit**

OTHER SUGGESTED ITEMS

Sugar & Flour (5lbs)

Cereal

Cooking Oil

Peanut Butter

Pasta Sauce

Canned Vegetables

Tuna & Chicken

Pasta



WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

MARCH 25 | WEEK 5 | 6:00-7:15 PM

Join us for Wednesdays in Lent Fellowship time.

DINNER BEGINS: 6:00 PM | PROGRAM BEGINS: 6:45 PM

HOSTS: Fellowship and Properties

MEAL: Hotdish

DISCUSSION FOCUS: The good news is...rooted in justice, mercy, & faithfulness.

Much of Jesus' teachings were grounded in his understanding of the Torah; however, many of his actions called for reinterpreting the law.

As we wrestle with our own rules, we should ask, "What is the most just, merciful, and faithful interpretation?"

Members are encouraged to bring sides and desserts!
Last names A-L Dessert | M-Z Side dish

Jamese will lead activities for kids in the Sunshine Room from 6:45-7:15pm!



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COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICES OF MN

JAMIE DOLYNCHUK, PRESIDENT OF CES



Founded in 1970, Community Emergency Service (CES) is one of the largest food shelves serving the poorest community of the Twin Cities. CES is also the largest Meals on Wheels provider in Minnesota and operates the only program focused entirely on pets, providing food and veterinarian services for free to those most in need.

Jamie Dolynchuk is the President of CES. Prior to supporting CES, he worked as a senior leader in Cargill living and leading Cargill's businesses in Canada, Russia, Ukraine, South East Asia and India before coming back to Minneapolis about 5 years ago. He retired in 2024 and now spends his time in service to CES.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room

EASTER EGG HUNT

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APRIL 4, 2026
@ 11:00 AM

Cookie decorating & refreshments in
Fellowship Hall following the egg hunt.

*Event will be held outdoors,
weather permitting.



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NEW MEMBER CLASS

Sunday, April 12 at 11:00 AM

Valley Library
Lunch will be served.

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Happy Birthday Valley Family!

Juliana Vogel
Randee Melander
Alvian Bi
Roger Graphenteen
Gary Malinowski
Marge Thurston
Katya Miakotina
Barbara Wasmoen
Joe Sacco
Soma Datta
Karen Harms
Art LaPoint
John Gonsior
Kyle Soens
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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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