



# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, March 29, 2026

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# GATHERING US IN

## PRELUDE

*Palm Sunday Prelude*  
Lisa Shoemaker-Lohmeyer

Jane Nienaber,  
organ

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*  
Robert Lau

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it**

Leader: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**People: Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

Leader: Let us worship God.

## † Hymn #197

### ***Hosanna, Loud Hosanna***

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;  
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

† Please rise in body or spirit.



## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Sheila Sheldon, CRE

God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name. Even though we profess to follow him, we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him. Forgive us and heal us, we pray. Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world, but only in the Prince of Peace. In Jesus' 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 #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 Palms*  
Gabriel Faure, arr. W. J. Westbrook

## SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:1-11 CEB

## SERMON

*The Good News Is... Inspiring Us to Act*

Rev. Kyle Sandison

† Please rise in body or spirit.



**Refrain:**

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest,  
the King and blessed One. **(Refrain)**

To thee, before thy passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise. **(Refrain)**

Thou didst accept their praises;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King! **(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**

*One Great Hour of Sharing*

Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

**OFFERTORY**

*With Waving Palms and Shouts of Praise*  
Dale Wood

With waving palms and shouts of praise they greeted Christ the Lord.  
Hosannas rang out bright and clear and to the heavens soared.  
The people welcomed Christ the King and followed Him that day.  
May we learn to be welcoming and follow in His way.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Holy One, we give you thanks for the great deeds of salvation that you have done and continue to do. Bless these offerings of thanksgiving that they may further your kingdom in this world; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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### ***Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!***

Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;  
thy humble beast pursues its road  
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
The hosts of angels in the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
bow thy meek head to mortal pain;  
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Toccato on All Glory, Laud and Honor*  
Michael Burkhardt

## **The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.**

### **Chancel Flowers**

Sunday, March 29

Sponsored by [Jan Fedora](#)

*In memory of my husband, Tom  
and my brother, Richard*

*Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!*

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# Joys and Concerns

Prayers of joy for **Tom Day's** successful heart surgery. He's hoping to come home on Monday or Tuesday. **Tom** and **Virginia** both appreciate all your support.

Prayers of joy and healing for **Janet Carlson** who had surgery at Mercy on Tuesday, March 24 to remove a tumor on her brain. The surgery went great, the tumor is removed, and she is expected to make a full recovery! Pathology will follow and any further plans will come later this week. Please keep **Rick, Janelle,** and **Beth** in your prayers as well. Any further updates will be made on Rick's CaringBridge (below).

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.

**Taichi Chen:** The Chens' hearts are full of gratitude as they learned that Taichi's scan showed that many spots had shrunk and others remained stable! His doctors are even reducing the dosage of his medication to hopefully minimize the intensity of side effects.

<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! It's more likely to be arthritis. She learned at her March 24 appointment that she does not qualify for a trail drug at the moment. In early May, she has some appointments with MN Oncology to talk about chemo and next steps.

<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](mailto:chelsie.larsen@valleychurch.net)  
to set up withdrawals directly from your account.  
You can always adjust the amount.

# This Week at Valley

## Sunday, March 29

9:30 am Worship **Palm Sunday**

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Ed

## Monday, March 30

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

## Tuesday, March 31

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship

Bell Choir Practice Canceled

## Wednesday, April 1

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

7:00 pm Choir Practice

## Thursday, April 2

### **Maundy Thursday**

10:00 am Meals on Wheels

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service

## Saturday, April 4

11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

## Sunday, April 5

9:30 am Worship: **Easter | Communion**

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Adult Ed Easter Break

Youth/TEAMS Easter 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!

## Pastor & Head of Staff

Rev. Kyle Sandison

## Educational Ministries Director

Pastor Sheila Sheldon, CRE

## Office Administrator

Rachel Hole

## Communications Director

Mariah Messer

## Music Coordinator

Rachel Williams

## Choral & Handbell Director

Janet M.T. Carlson

## Faith Formation Lead

Jamese Decker

## 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

March 15: 209 online

March 22: 210 (104 in-person)



# Valley Community

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Adult Education | March 29 | 11:00 AM

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**

# PALM SUNDAY LOVE GOD & OUR NEIGHBORS

JOIN US ON MARCH 29, 2026

[PALMSUNDAY2026.COM](https://palmsunday2026.com) TO LEARN MORE

# Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service

APRIL 2 | 7:00 PM



the good news is...

even Judas gets  
his feet washed

*A quiet, dark, reflective service  
focused on the night of Jesus' arrest.*

**Communion will be shared.  
All are welcome at the table.**

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## 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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# Easter Worship

**CHRIST IS RISEN!**

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 | 9:30 AM

**Rev. Kyle Sandison, Preaching**

**Special Music:**

**Valley Choir**

**Jane Nienaber, organ**

**Rachel Williams, piano**

**Rylee Donald & Jake Meixner, trumpets**



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## Valley Lunch Bunch

MONDAY, APRIL 6TH  
11:30 AM

**50<sup>s</sup>**  
**GRILL**



First Monday of every month!



# Fridays in The Valley Presents:



## Red Rock Swing Band

Friday, April 10, 2026 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT  
**BEACON INTERFAITH HOUSING COLLABORATIVE**

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## Valley Craft & Connect

**Craft & Connect** is for anyone who enjoys a day crafting, working on a puzzle, chatting with friends or even just reading a book.

Catch up on a project, start something new or come see what others are working on for inspiration! Craft supplies, puzzles & cribbage boards will be available. Come for the fellowship and stay for the fun!

**\*Kids welcome: if you sign up in advance, Rachel will make sure there is something for kids to do!\***

**\*Optional:** Bring a dish to share for lunch at 12 PM. If you're unable to bring anything, please don't let it keep you away!



LAST ONE BEFORE WE BREAK FOR SUMMER!

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026  
10 AM - 2:00 PM



# NEW MEMBER CLASS

**Sunday, April 12 at 11:00 AM**

Valley Library  
Lunch will be served.

CONTACT REV. KYLE SANDISON  
KYLE.SANDISON@VALLEYCHURCH.NET | 763-588-0831



## STRAT-O-MATIC® BASEBALL

**Learn to Play:**  
**Strat-O-Matic Baseball**  
SUNDAY, APRIL 12 | 12:30 - 3:30 PM  
CORNERSTONE ROOM



To mark the beginning of the 2026 MLB season, join Brian Hole as he hosts Strat-O-Matic again! He'll bring all game materials, teach the game mechanics, and go over some basics on keeping scorebook at a baseball game. Don't worry about missing the Twins game - it will be on in the background! Please bring a side dish, salad, snack, or dessert to share! Contact Brian Hole if you have questions or call the office.



# Valley Community



You're invited to celebrate the  
Installation of  
**Rev. Kyle Sandison** as Pastor  
and Head of Staff at Valley!

## **Installation Service**

Sunday, April 26th, 2026  
at 9:30 AM

Following the service, we'll share in a potluck brunch to honor Pastor Kyle as he begins his ministry as our new Pastor and Head of Staff, and to welcome him and his family to the Valley family.

No RSVP needed — but if you'd like to bring something for the brunch, sign-ups are available! We hope to see you there!

**Sign up for a potluck item in the Fellowship Hall,  
scan the QR code, or click the link below:**



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4CA8A92DA1F58-63167764-installation>



# 13th Annual Taste of the 'Burbs

**Thursday, May 7th, 2026**  
**Time: 6:15 PM**

Location: The Metropolitan  
Club & Ballroom

Contact the Valley Office if you are interested in attending!



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# VBC 2026

**SAVE THE DATE**

**JUNE 16-19**

Scan the QR Code to Register!!

Register by May 4th!!



# 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  
Abby Malecha  
Grace Perry  
Mikey Vogel  
Alex Malecha  
Helen Dechaine  
Syndy Nyongkah  
Leah Zywicki  
Judith McKay  
Diane Schmidt  
Nikolas Fields  
Gabriel Gottschalk  
Rev. Kate O'Brien Soltau  
Abigail Toering-Peters

Jim Payne  
Riley Brooker  
Lizzy Van Heest  
Roberta (Bobbie) Watson  
Gabriella Macias  
Cooper Graham  
Chris Marshall  
Jennie Minter  
Julie Westerlund  
James Robles  
Mark Toering  
Janet Carlson  
Joanne Jenson  
Neil Jurgensen  
Rev. Rebecca Tollefson  
Kate Toering-Peters  
Jim Falbo  
Gwyn Lang  
Atemafac Nti  
Nick Rude  
Jan Fedora  
Neiko Griffin  
Chelsea Gusek  
Brian Boyd  
Gerald Phelan  
Tyler Priem  
Kendyl Graham



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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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(SISSETON WAHPETON DAKHÓTA  
AND OJIBWAY)

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