



# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## CHRIST IS RISEN!

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Easter Sunday  
April 5, 2026

# GATHERING US IN

## PRELUDE

*Christ Arose*  
Robert Lowry, arr. Jeff Bennett

*Alleluia*  
Ellen Jane Lorenz

*Awake the Trumpet's Lofty Sound*  
G.F. Handel

## EASTER WELCOME

**Pastor:** Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed!**

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Christ is Risen Today*  
Don Besig

Valley Choir

## † Hymn #232

### ***Jesus Christ Is Risen Today***

vss. 1, 2, & 4

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Sheila Sheldon, CRE

O God, you gave your only Son to die for the sin of the world. We confess that we often fail to hold firmly to the message of his resurrection. We have not responded to your love with our whole hearts; we too often fall victim to despair and fear; we are indifferent to the cries of the poor and the calls for peace; we, who should praise you every day, are strangely silent. Take away the sting of death and put within us your victory for life. 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.**

**Pastor:** Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed!**

## SUNG RESPONSE #232

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured. Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

## HEARING THE WORD

### TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

#### Congregational Blessing

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

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Sound the Trumpet*  
Mark Patterson

Valley Choir

## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:1-10

## SERMON

The Good News Is... Alive in the World

Rev. Kyle Sandison

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### † Hymn #238

#### ***Thine Is the Glory***

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

#### **Refrain:**

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. (Refrain)

## † EASTER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

\*from a Song of Faith, the United Church of Canada

This Easter day, we rejoice that death is not the last word. God raised Jesus from death, turning sorrow into joy, despair into hope. We sing of Jesus raised from the dead. We sing hallelujah.

The Risen Christ lives today, present to us and the source of our hope. We sing of a church seeking to continue the story of Jesus by embodying Christ's presence in the world.

We are called together by Christ as a community of broken but hopeful believers, loving what He loved, living what He taught, striving to be faithful servants of God in our time and place, even as we look in hope for a new heaven and a new earth.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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

### MUSIC REFLECTION

*The Risen Christ*  
Charles Sergisson

*Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing*  
Wilbur Held

### † DOXOLOGY #606

#### ***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O Christ, we thank you for this feast of life. Fed by your love, and strengthened by your life, we humbly accept your call to go into this world to live with hope, and to share your joy. You invite all of us to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, and love as we have been loved. We rejoice in your love for all people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

# SENDING US OUT

## † CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

### ***Hallelujah Chorus***

G.F. Handel

*(Please find copies of the sheet music in your pew)*

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth,  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth,  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The kingdom of this world is become  
the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ, and of His Christ;  
And He shall reign for ever and ever,

King of kings! and Lord of lords! King of kings! and Lord of lords!  
And He shall reign for ever and ever, King of kings! and Lord of lords!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah!

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

### *Trumpet Finale*

Francesco Manfred, arr. S. Drummond Wolff

### **Thank you to our musicians:**

Rachel Williams, conductor and piano

Jane Nienaber, organ and piano

Valley Choir

Rylee Donald and Jake Meixner, trumpet

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



# Easter Flower Dedications



**Peggy Neibling**

In memory of Betty "Tootsie" Brooking

**Jim Parks**

In memory of Karla Parks, Delbert & Lorraine Parks,  
and Melbert & Shirley Holzer

**Karen Harms**

In memory of Mom and Dad

**Lisa Tarbell**

In memory of Sherrill Mixer and James Tarbell, Sr.

**Greg & Mary Rom**

In memory of Michael Hnatko, Betty Hnatko Hicks,  
Barbara & Ray Rom, and Paul Hicks

**The Malecha Family**

In memory of Marilyn Eckerle

**Scott & Valerie Robinson**

In memory of our parents, Derald & June Sullivan  
and Gordon & Lois Robinson  
In honor of Philip Robinson's 1-year heart birthday

**Ruth Wilterding**

In memory of Aron

**Betsy Nichols**

In memory of Doug & Trudy Nichols

**Sharon & Brad Pleimling**

In honor of a world of caring and love

**Mandy Lund**

In memory of Donovan, Julie, and Jeff Lund

**Becky Brooking**

In memory of Betty Brooking

**Jim & Diane Cook**

In honor of good friends, Jeremy, Bob, and Barb  
In memory of good friends Julie, Jeff, and James

**Gwyn Lang**

In honor of my mom, Margaret Faber

**Jan Sacco**

In honor of our grandchildren

**Roger Michael**

In memory of Marian Michael

**Shirley & Mark Toering**

In memory of John & Jewel Pikkaart  
and Riemy & John Toering

**Lisa Cawhorn**

In memory of John Cawhorn  
In memory of Ronald Lybek

**Katie Decker**

In memory of my brother, Carl Robert Berglund

**Kyle & Hanne Sandison**

In honor of Elsie, who turns 7 today!

**Sam Schellhaas**



# Easter Flower Dedications



**Roger Graphenteen**

In memory of my parents, Palmer & Dorothy,  
and my daughter, Allyson Rose

**Nancy & David Phillips**

In memory of Gordon & Bertha VanWyk  
and Victor & Nellie Phillips

**Jill Reiswig**

In loving memory of Myrle Reiswig  
In honor of our sons, Paul & Tim

**Mary Ann Winter**

In honor of the many volunteers, both community & Valley,  
who have helped to take care of our neighbors in need

**Melinda & Richard Marshall**

In honor of our three granddaughters

**Catherine Lenagh**

In Memory of Bill & Marialice Sandison,  
Jim Sandison, and Tom Sandison

**Mary Wilkens**

In memory of my husband, Jerry Wilkens  
In memory of our parents, Howard & Gertrude Kilgard,  
and Corny & Vera Wilkens

**Jeanine Miakotina**

In loving memory of my grandparents who were married  
on Easter morning at sunrise

**Jan Fedora**

In memory of my husband, Tom Fedora

**Les & Arlene Freeberg**

In honor of our grandchildren

**Brian & Rachel Hole**

In memory of Tyler Hole, Sue Engel, Rev. Howard Skulstad,  
and Bob Kreutzian

**Cheryl Smith**

In memory of my parents, Ken & Gay Smith

**Susie Potter**

In memory of Jan & George Potter

**Paula Landis**

In memory of Helen Webb and Michael Webb

**Sheila & Hunter Sheldon**

In memory of Gordon & Lois Robinson  
In memory of Jack Sheldon

**Bob Tripet**

In memory of my mom, Janet Tripet

**Gwen Rouleau**

In memory of parents & grandparents

**Lisa Beckstrom**

# Joys and Concerns

Prayers for **Janet Carlson** learned who began chemo treatments on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Updates can be found on **Rick's** CaringBridge (below).

This Wednesday, April 8th, **Jennie Minter** will be receiving a kidney from her daughter, Emily, who arrives Easter Sunday from Birmingham. She's humbled and grateful for this chance at better health. Transplant is happening at Fairview University Hospital.

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! At his last Mayo appointment on March 23, Taichi learned that his cancer is stable. <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen>

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

**Susie Potter:** Susie will meet with MN Oncology in early May 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: <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, April 5

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

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Adult Ed Easter Break

Youth/TEAMS Easter Break

## Monday, April 6

**Office Closed (Good Friday Observed)**

11:30 am Lunch Bunch

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

## Tuesday, April 7

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship

## Wednesday, April 8

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

## Thursday, April 9

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

## Friday, April 10

7:00 pm Fridays in the Valley

## Saturday, April 11

10:00 am-2:00 pm Craft and Connect

## Sunday, April 12

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Ed

**11:00 am New Members Class - Library**

\*Light Lunch will be served

12:30 pm Strat-O-Matic (Cornerstone Room)

5:30 pm Youth/TEAMS 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

## 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 22: 210 (104 in-person)

March 29: 245 (129 in-person)

# SPECIAL OFFERINGS



Easter Changes Things!

Death is now understood as a part of life not an end to it. Love is now known as something that cannot be ignored, killed or buried. Life is! Love lives. Offerings are not burdens to bear but opportunities to celebrate. Giving liberates some who are oppressed by the spirit of those who have been liberated. It is why Easter is a time for receiving "the change" and offering the "Hallelujah."

May your life be enriched this day as you take steps to be enrichers, or better yet, as you become repairers of the breach.

Remember to mark your denominational offering OGHS, and your Valley Special Easter Offering GMCN.

## NEW MEMBER CLASS

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

Valley Library  
Lunch will be served.

CONTACT REV. KYLE SANDISON  
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VBC  
2026

SAVE THE **NEW!** DATE

JUNE 16-19

Scan the QR Code to Register!!

Register by May 4th!!



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





# Fridays in The Valley Presents:



## Red Rock Swing Band

Friday, April 10, 2026 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT  
BEACON INTERFAITH HOUSING COLLABORATIVE

 Valley Community

## 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





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Adult Education | April 12 | 11:00 AM

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NORM CHERVANY, VCPC MEMBER



From December 20 to December 31, the Chervany family ... all 11 of us ... went on a 12 day safari trip to South Africa. We were on Safari at Thornybush Game Lodge in the Serengeti National Park in South Africa and the Atzaro Okavango Camp in the Okavango River Delta in the Kalahari Desert in Botswana.

The trip was amazing; the lodges were spectacular; the animals were wonderful. Come and see the Chervany and the Kwasnick families pursue "life in the jungle".

**Hosted in The Cornerstone Room**

## STRAT-O-MATIC<sup>®</sup> 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.

• 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.



**Valley Community**



## **COMMUNITY GARDEN SPACE AVAILABLE!**

**JOIN US IN THE VALLEY  
COMMUNITY GARDEN!**

Contact Sheila Sheldon for more details

@ 763-588-0831.

**PLOTS:** FULL 15'X30' \$80  
HALF 15'X15' \$45  
RAISED BED \$25

**Don't wait, limited space is available!**

All  
Experience  
Levels  
Welcome!



# Happy Birthday Valley Family!

Larry Johnson  
Ben Fadell  
Jeanine Miakotina  
Colin Poynter  
Ray Anderson  
Mikum Kunkel  
Rob Morrow  
Jim Parks  
Larry Eklund  
Elsie Sandison  
Mary Schuette  
Tom McKeon  
Alexandria Slack  
Pat Daily  
Jaxon Hein-Smith  
Iris Hagelin  
Jeff Lewis  
Devin Smith  
Jacob Labelle  
Emmett Soltau  
Chelsie Larsen  
Leone Johnson  
Sam Sheldon  
Betty Thorne  
Rachel Williams  
Becky Grosshuesch

Mike Pinter  
Becky Brooking  
Betsy Nichols  
Mae Rudeen  
Dede Hanson  
Greg Van Heest  
Andres Freeberg  
Jeremy Lund  
Charlie Rudeen  
Camille Pinter  
Ben Sheldon  
Elsie Grosshuesch  
Brian Hole  
Missy Rudeen





# Valley Community

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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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