



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST IS RISEN!

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 31st. 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 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.

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2026

SAVE THE **NEW!** DATE

JUNE 16-19

Scan the QR Code to Register!!

Register by May 4th!!



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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[®] 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.



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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





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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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