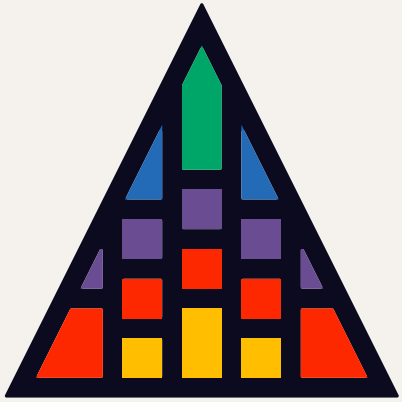

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 10, 2026

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE *I Surrender All* — Rachel Williams, piano
Winfield S. Weeden, arr. Victor Labenske

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*
Peter Scholtes, arr. Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us gather in praise of the one who shows us the way:
People: The way of Christ is love.
Leader: Let us gather in thanksgiving for the one who teaches the truth:
People: That we are all made in God's image and called good.
Leader: Let us worship the one who gives us life.
People: Blessed be our God, source of all creation.

† Hymn #407 ***Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers*** vss. 1,3 ,4, & 5

Spirit divine, attend our prayers,
and make this house your home.
Descend with all your gracious powers.
O come, great Spirit, come!

Come as the fire and purge our hearts
like sacrificial flame.
Let our whole soul an offering be
to our Redeemer's name.

Come as the dove and spread your wings,
the wings of peaceful love.
And let the church on earth become
blest as the church above.

Spirit divine, attend our prayers.
Make a lost world your home.
Descend with all your gracious powers.
O come, great Spirit, come!

† Please rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Pastor Sheila Sheldon, CRE

God of grace, we know that when your love abides in us, we will keep your commandment to love one another. We are troubled that we are not always faithful to your word; we are afraid that we will fail as bearers of your gift of peace; we are worried that we do not know you as we ought; we are anxious and hold back from embracing others in your love.

Take away our fear and lead us by your Spirit to the healing stream. Abide in us as you abide in Jesus, in whose 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 #240 ***Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks!***

Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give praise to his name. (Repeat)

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Matt Weiss, guitar & vocals
Charles C. Converse

SCRIPTURE READING John 14:15-21

SERMON *The Advocate* Rev. Kyle Sandison

† Please rise in body or spirit.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #451 ***Open My Eyes, That I May See***

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Indigenous Justice Task Force* Crystal Boyd

OFFERTORY *Amazing Grace*
John Newton

*From May through August, loose offering collected during worship is designated for **Clare Terrace**.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O loving God, we give you thanks that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to keep your commands. Bless these gifts and use them to reveal to all people your love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #724 ***O Jesus, I Have Promised*** vss. 1, 2 , & 4

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle; the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

I'll Fly Away
Albert E. Brumley

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers
Sunday, May 10
Sponsored by Jan Sacco

In memory of Carol Rock
and in honor of all mothers everywhere.

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for **Mary Wilkens** was discharged Tuesday from Methodist following a stroke and started occupational and speech therapy this week.

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 has had a blood draw every 3 months for the past year to monitor her CLL. After a recent appointment, she is delighted to report that it is holding steady, her numbers are great and she doesn't have to go back for another 6 months! She is so very grateful for all the supportive prayers!

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

Janet & Rick Carlson: Janet is officially halfway through her chemo treatments! She had her last Rituxan IV infusion on Tuesday, took time to rest, and has been feeling good.

To support the Carlsons, Valley staff set up a Meal Train. Please sign up at https://mealtrain.com/ne11n6. Valley is also planning a gift through Pastor's Discretionary Fund (PDF) to help cover medical costs, lost wages, and other expenses. You may donate to PDF on Breeze. https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/rickcarlson101

Susie Potter: Susie has two tests on May 11, with a follow up on May 18 with her oncologist to discuss those results. 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, May 10
9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, May 11
7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, May 12
1:00 pm Bible Fellowship
6:30 Bell Choir Practice
6:30 Mission Possible

Wednesday, May 13
6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, May 14
5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, May 15

Saturday, May 16

Sunday, May 17 - Grad Sunday
9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:00 am Adult Ed
5:00 pm Youth/TEAMS End of Year Celebration

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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Rev. Bill Davnie
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Rev. David Phillips
Rev. Nancy Phillips
Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
April 26: 288 (155 in-person)
May 3: 229 (125 in-person)

Do you have a graduate to celebrate this spring?

Please join us in honoring our 2026 Valley graduates
Sunday, May 17 at 9:30 am.

If you or someone you know is graduating from a degree or certification program this spring, please notify the office by May 12 so we can include them in the bulletin. **office@valleychurch.net**

UNDERSTANDING CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

Faith, Power, and the Soul of America

Rev. Dan Stark

Four Thursday Evenings: May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

St. Luke Presbyterian Church | 3121 Groveland School Road, Minnetonka

In our current cultural climate, the lines between religious and national identity are increasingly blurred. Join us for this timely 4-week course as we unpack the history, theology, and modern-day impact of Christian Nationalism. This course provides a foundational understanding to distinguish a healthy love of country from a political ideology that seeks to merge American and religious identities.

Sponsors
Edina Community Lutheran Church
Excelsior United Methodist Church
Plymouth Presbyterian Church
St. Luke Presbyterian Church
Unitarian Universalist Church of Minnetonka
Valley Community Presbyterian Church
Wright County Indivisible

Rev. Dan Stark serves as the Minister of Pastoral Care and Adult Education at Wayzata Community Church and is a Chaplain in the Air Force Reserves. Ordained in the United Church of Christ, Dan holds a Master of Divinity from Emory University and two advanced degrees in biblical studies and theology from Luther Seminary.

USE THE QR CODE TO REGISTER
OR CLICK HERE TO ATTEND IN PERSON

or watch the livestream at stluke.mn/news-updates/understanding-christian-nationalism

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Adult Education | May 17 | 11:00 AM

HOW TO BE A GOOD ANCESTOR

ELDERS FOR CLIMATE ACTION

The mission of Elders Climate Action is to mobilize elders throughout the United States to address climate change while there is still time to protect the well-being of our grandchildren and future generations. We are dedicated to using the power of our caring, our wisdom and our numbers to push for strong policies that will reduce greenhouse gases in our atmosphere to a level consistent with life thriving on our planet.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room

Valley Community

VBC 2026

NEW!

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 16-19

Scan the QR Code to Register!!

Register by May 4th!!

• 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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Men's Lunch

TUESDAY, MAY 19
11:30 AM

50s GRILL

Happy Birthday Valley Family!

Gregory Rom
Crystal Boyd
Bob Tripet
Walt Hanson
Annette Nichols
Ana Freeberg
Jackie Goiffon
Earl Shenk
Shirley Toering
Brian Hassel
Susan Tracy
Lucas Kopischke
Elizabeth Brooker
Vivian Bi
Suzan Gibson
Len Biggs
Kevin Hagelin
Amy Matthews
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Carolyn Anderson
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Kiersten Rude
Lynn Thier
Lillian LaBelle

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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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