

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 31, 2026

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Two Settings of Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
Donald Busarow & Jeffrey Biersch

Jane Nienaber,
organ

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Come, Thou Almighty King
John Behnke

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: Loving God, you have formed us in your image and called us beloved.

Leader: We gather today in the name of the one God — Creator who breathed life into the world, Christ who walks among us still, Spirit who moves and makes us whole.

People: Three in One, mystery beyond all names, yet nearer to us than breath — we come to worship.

Leader: We come as people marked by the waters of baptism, sent into the world with good news.

People: We come as those who have doubted and believed, failed and been forgiven.

Leader: Come, let us worship the living God.

† Hymn #1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Kyle Sandison

Triune God — Creator, Christ, and Spirit — we confess that we have not lived as your people. We have failed to care for the earth you called good. We have held too tightly to comfort, welcoming only those familiar to us. Lord, have mercy.

We have resisted the Spirit's call toward justice, mercy, and love of neighbor. We have doubted your power to change us and change the world. Christ, have mercy.

Forgive us, O God, for our fear and forgetfulness. Draw us again into the flow of your grace, that we may be made new. 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 #48

Rain Down

Rain down; rain down;
rain down your love on your people.
Rain down; rain down;
rain down your love, God of life. (repeat)

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Bell Boogie
James C. Smith

Valley Handbell Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:16-20 (CEB)

SERMON

Holy Mystery, Holy Community

Pastor Sheila Sheldon, CRE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #292

As the Wind Song

As the wind song through the trees, as the stirring of the breeze,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the heart made strangely warm, as the voice within the storm,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

Never seen, ever known where this wind has blown
bringing life, bringing power to the world,
as the dancing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep desire,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

As the rainbow after rain, as the hope that's born again,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the green in the spring, as a kite on a string,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
making worlds that are new, making peace come true,
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,
as the rising of the yeast, as the wine at the feast,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

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

Valley Pride

Susie Potter

*OFFERTORY

Fantasy in E Flat
G.P. Telemann

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, all we have is gift from your hand. We return these offerings in trust, seeking your abundance and your way of justice and mercy. Take what we bring to you today; our resources, our time, our very lives — and shape them for your love in this community and throughout the world. Make us givers as you are Giver, makers as you are Maker, love as you are Love. Amen.

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

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.

God formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Recessional on Holy, Holy, Holy
Robert Hughes

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, May 31

Sponsored by Ben Kummer

*In memory of Lisa, who would have turned
46 years old on June 2.*

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

Joys and Concerns

We give thanks to God for the life of **Diane McCunn**, whose memorial service was held here at Valley on Friday, May 29th. Continued prayers for **Dave** and family.

Continued prayers for **Rev. Rebecca Tollefson** who is now recovering at home.

Prayers for **Carolyn Anderson** who is going to Mayo on June 3 to meet with cardiologists to see if they can find a solution for her fatigue and shortness of breath.

Prayers of comfort for **Kurt** and **Sue (Ruby) Modert**, as Kurt's mother, Gerri, passed away on Wednesday.

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 no longer meets the criteria for hospice care. Continued prayers for him and for Gail as they settle into a new care routine.

Carole Martens will have a follow up on her CLL in 6 months.

Taichi Chen: Taichi's scan showed mixed results, with some new spots in his lungs and abdomen. He'll continue with 6 more weeks of treatment, with a scan to follow. Meanwhile, the Chens will enjoy a trip to Japan, planting their garden, and enjoying their beautiful life together. They continue to be so very grateful. <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen>

Janet & Rick Carlson: Prayers for Janet as she is hospitalized at Mercy with sepsis and a blood infection. Chemo has been paused. Please pray for Rick, Janelle, and Beth as they support Janet and each other. To support the Carlsons, Valley staff set up a Meal Train. Please sign up at <https://mealtrain.com/ne11n6>. For updates on her treatment, follow Rick's CaringBridge: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/rickcarlson101>.

Susie Potter: Susie will have tests again mid-August and then follow up with her oncologist. <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 31

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, June 1

11:30 am Lunch Bunch- 50's Grill

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, June 2

11:30 am Valley Men's Luncheon Group

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship

Wednesday, June 3

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, June 4

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, June 5

Saturday, June 6

Sunday, June 7 - 75th Anniversary

9:15 am Prelude Music Begins

9:30 am Worship with Communion

11:00 am All Church Picnic & 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!

Valley Staff

Ministers

The entire Valley Community!

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Rev. Nancy Phillips

Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May 17: 220 (117 in-person)

May 24: 196 (96 in-person)



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75TH ANNIVERSARY Celebration

JUNE 7 - 9:30 AM

3100 Lilac Dr. N, Golden Valley 55422

WORSHIP W/ MUSICIANS
& SPECIAL GUESTS!

BOUNCY HOUSE!

FACE
PAINTING!

AND MORE FUN
SURPRISES!

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

Hosted by Fellowship Committee! Hot dogs, brats, and plant-based grillables provided. [SIGN UP](#) in Fellowship Hall or scan the QR Code to bring a side or dessert.



**Fridays in
the Valley
Presents:**



Marimba Bullies

Friday, June 12, 2026 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
THE FATHER PROJECT

 Valley Community

You're Invited

Greg and Mary Rom are celebrating their
50th wedding anniversary

June 12, 2026

Wow! It will be 50 years since we were married at
Valley Community Presbyterian Church
at 4 pm on June 12, 1976
(then rain, hail, 90s – what will it be this year?).

Please join us in celebrating this milestone by attending the
Fridays in the Valley concert at 7:00 PM June 12, 2026, at
Valley Community Presbyterian Church.

No gifts. Your presence and support of this benefit will be appreciated.
We look forward to seeing and celebrating with you.

SATURDAY
JUNE 13
12-6PM

**GOLDEN VALLEY
PRIDE FESTIVAL**

BROOKVIEW PARK
Golden Valley, MN



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THANK YOU!

To all those in the Valley community who gave of their time, talents & treasures the last few months to make sure Valley Fellowship Hour on Sunday mornings was caffeinated and extra delicious!

COFFEE HOSTS

- Charlotte Davnie
- Roger Michael
- Mary Wilkens
- Ann & Don Roach
- Ray Anderson
- Revs. David & Nancy Phillips
- Sara Schiebout
- Mary Ann Winter

BAKERS & TREAT-BRINGERS

- Ann Roach
- Rev. Nancy Phillips
- Samantha Schellhaas



Happy Birthday Valley Family!

Eleanor Kopischke
Connor Gottschalk

Alice Zieska

Carol Bright

Tom Magill

Mary Jo Bailey

Paula Landis

Jackie Graham

Odin Willey

Christy Smith

Mike Vogel

Lucy Feneis

Ella Halverson

Dan Marshall

Bonnie Carlson

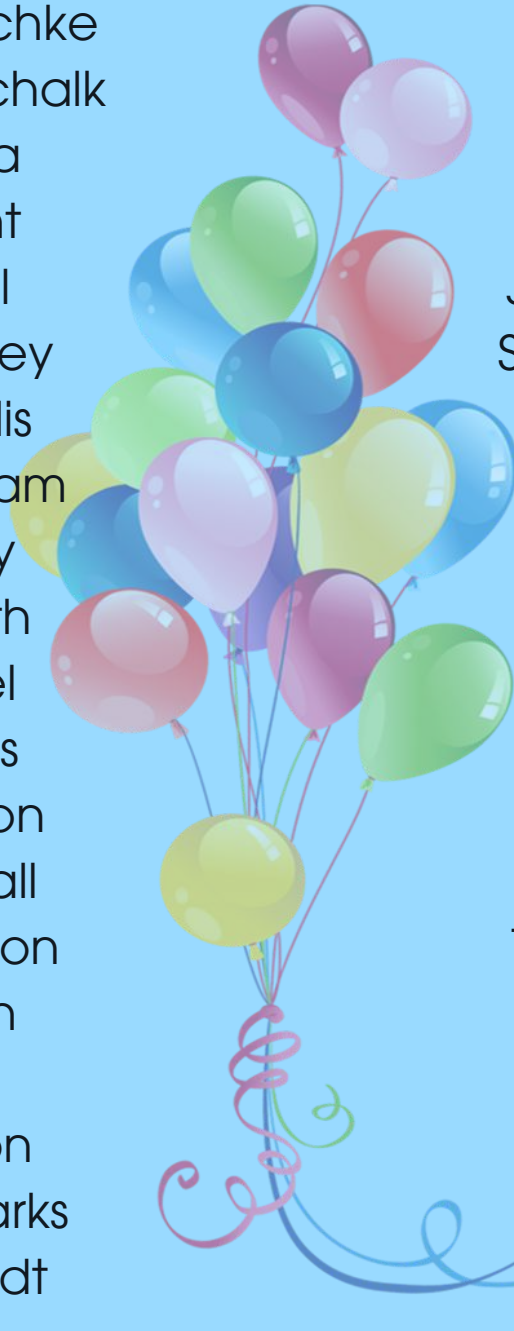
Ann Roach

Axel Boyd

Beth Carlson

Catherine Parks

Dawn Schuldt



Steve Wasmoen

Jill Weihrauch

Rick Carlson

Taichi Chen

Jean-Luc LaBelle

Sharon Buffington

Henry Lake

Duncan Fadell

Marit Willey

Kaden Craven

Larren Boyd

Sam Malecha

Tom Day

Craig Michael

Tim Grosshuesch

Kate Reinert

Lois Schmidt

Jay Tarbell

Ben Kummer

David Toering



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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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