

# - 75TH ANNIVERSARY -

Sunday, June 7, 2026

Honoring our History



Celebrating the Future



Valley  
Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**1951 - 2026**

# GATHERING US IN

## PRELUDE

### **Prelude and Fugue in C Major**

J.S. Bach

Jane Nienaber

organ

### **Partita on O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

Paul Manz

### **Sanctus**

Charles Gounod  
arr. Martha Powell Setchell

Rachel Williams, piano

Jane Nienaber, organ

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

## GATHERING MUSIC

### **Laudate Dominum**

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Taichi & Robin Chen, strings

Emi Chen, soloist

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Richard Buller

Leader: Seventy-five years ago, God called a congregation into being — and God has been faithful every single day since.

**People: We didn't choose this story. God did. And what a story it is!**

Leader: Through every season, through joy and sorrow, growth and change — God has never let us go.

**People: Thanks be to God, whose mercies are new every morning!**

Leader: And the best is still ahead — because the God who brought us here is already out ahead of us, making a way.

**All: So we worship with full hearts — grateful for where we've been, joyful in where we are, and excited for where God is taking us.  
To God be the glory! Amen.**



Chancel Flowers for today, **Sunday, June 7** are sponsored by Kurt Wheeler, *in memory of Vicki Wheeler.*

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam,  
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother wind with clouds and rain, you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sister water, flowing clear, make music for your Lord to hear.  
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shadows of the night.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day unfolds such blessings on our way,  
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Pastor Sheila Sheldon, CRE

Faithful God, on this day of celebration we come to you honestly. You have been consistent in your mercy, and we confess we have not always reflected that mercy to the world. You have called this church to love our neighbors, seek justice, and welcome the stranger, and we have sometimes chosen comfort over faithfulness.

Forgive us for the ways we have fallen short of your kingdom. Renew in us the courage to follow where you lead, even when the path is unfamiliar. In the name of Christ, who is our righteousness. 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 #468**

### ***In My Life***

vss. 1 & 3

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

# HEARING THE WORD

## TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

### Congregational Blessing:

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

## SPECIAL MUSIC

### *Celebration of Service*

Don Besig & Nancy Price

We have come to sing with glory;  
we have come to sing with praise.  
In joyful celebration our victories we raise.  
As we gather in His presence,  
every spirit is renewed.  
Let us join as true believers and share the hope  
and promise of God's truth.

We are called by Christ to serve Him;  
we will follow where He leads,  
And act with true compassion to comfort those in need.

As we walk within His footsteps  
every life will know His grace.  
Let us join as true disciples and share the love  
that grow within this place.

Serve the Lord with gladness; walk within His light.  
Speak in words of kindness;  
share the peace of Christ.  
Use your gifts and talents; trust Him and obey.  
Be His humble servant,  
and follow Him in faith.

We will lift our grateful voices;  
we will let our song be heard.  
With joyful alleluias we'll sing to all the world.  
As we learn the joy of giving,  
every heart is blessed once more.  
Let us join as faithful servants  
and share the hope, share the love;  
Come share the glory of our Lord.  
Serve our Lord!

Valley Choir  
Hsu-hui Wang  
conductor  
Braden Williams  
trumpet

## YESTERDAY

### SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

### REFLECTION

*Valley: A Place of Goodness and Mercy*

Rev. Richard Buller

### MUSICAL REFLECTION

***Prelude in D-flat Major, Op. 11, No. 15***

Alexander Scriabin

Andrew Fleser

piano

## TODAY

### SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:35-39

### REFLECTION

*Rooted and Held*

Pastor Sheila Sheldon, CRE

### MUSICAL REFLECTION

***Å Vesle Kari Vår***

Carol Barnett

Taichi Chen, violin

Emi Chen, soloist

## TOMORROW

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:35-40

### REFLECTION

*Mission Possible*

Rev. Kyle Sandison

### MUSICAL REFLECTION

***The Times They Are A-Changin***

Bob Dylan

Andrew Fleser

piano/vocals

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Special Message from PRISM*

Alisha Weis,  
Advancement Director

\*The scripture readings this morning come from The Inclusive Bible.

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #767

## *Together We Serve*

Together we serve, united by love,  
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.  
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,  
extending God's love to the last and the least.

We seek to become a beacon of hope,  
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.  
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through  
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,  
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.  
We offer a home to those who will come,  
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace, we witness and work,  
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.

Together we serve in Spirit and truth,  
remembering love is the strength of our song.

## 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.

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Jamie Marshall, soloist

### *We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace*

arr. Roy Jennings

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead,

**Refrain:**

and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair, **(Refrain)**

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong, **(Refrain)**

For just and unjust, a place at the table,  
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,  
for just and unjust, a new way to live, **(Refrain)**

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free, **(Refrain)**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Gracious God, we thank you for the gift we have just received. The bread broken and the cup shared, the reminder that we belong to you and to one another. Thank you for seventy-five years of your faithfulness, for those who sat at this same table before us, who built, who served, and who trusted you with what they could not yet see. Send us now from this table into the world, deeper into justice, wider into welcome, further into the beloved community you are building. In Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

Great is thy faithfulness, O God Creator;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain:**

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **(Refrain)**

**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE**

***Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da***  
The Beatles

Taichi & Robin Chen  
and Friends!

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

**Thank you to our musicians:**

Rachel Williams, piano  
Dr. Andrew Fleser, piano  
Jane Nienaber, organ  
Valley Choir led by Hsu-hui Wang, Conductor  
Jamie Marshall, tenor  
Emi Chen, soprano  
Robin and Taichi Chen, strings  
Braden Williams, trumpet

# Joys and Concerns

**Susie Potter** asks for prayers for the family of Valley member **Lois Schmidt**, who passed away early Sunday morning, May 31. She was 92.

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.

**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** Janet remains in the hospital as her team works to gain control of the blood infection so she can return to chemo treatments.

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

# This Week at Valley

## Sunday, June 7

9:30 am Worship | Prelude 9:15 am

11:00 am All Church Picnic

## Monday, June 8

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

## Tuesday, June 9

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship

## Wednesday, June 10

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

## Thursday, June 11

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

## Friday, June 12

7:00 pm Fridays in the Valley

Greg & Mary Rom 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

Reception following the concert.

## Saturday, June 13

### Golden Valley Pride Festival

Brookview Park 12 PM- 6 PM

## Sunday, June 14

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

The Pentecost banners are staying up an extra week to help us celebrate the 75th anniversary of Valley Community Presbyterian Church. Pentecost marks the birth of the Church with the giving of the Holy Spirit. May the Spirit continue to guide and empower us into the next 75 years!

## SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May 24: 196 (96 in-person)

May 31: 221 (100 in-person)

# 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

**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!



# MONARCA

## DEMOCRACY DEFENSE

Valley Community Presbyterian Church  
3100 Lilac Dr. N, Golden Valley, MN 55422  
Wednesday, June 10, 2026 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM

American democracy is under assault from people in the highest levels of the federal government. They abuse their position of power to intimidate, threaten, and lie about the integrity of our elections.

**But we have shown the world that the power of the people is greater than the people in power.**

We know that having safe, free, and fair elections is an essential pillar in a democratic society.

**At this training, you will:**

- Discuss the threats we are facing
- Plan the actions we can take - up to the election and beyond
- Build and expand democracy defense networks within our communities
- Learn ways to stay connected and involved with the work

Join Monarca and your community for a Democracy Defense training to ensure every citizen can cast their ballot safely and that every person has a voice in our country's future.

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**TO REGISTER:**  
scan the QR code or  
visit the link below!



[bit.ly/MDDGV0610](https://bit.ly/MDDGV0610)

# 10th ANNUAL GOLDEN VALLEY PRIDE FESTIVAL!

SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH  
12:00 - 6:00 PM  
BROOKVIEW PARK

200 Brookview Pkwy N,  
Golden Valley, MN 55426

The festival is family-friendly with music, food vendors, bounce houses, inflatable obstacle courses, games, and MORE!

Mark your calendars and come support this amazing event in our GV community.



PC(USA)

**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  
50<sup>th</sup> 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.

**July 18, 2026**

## **CLEARWATER FOREST FEST**

**Free Event Open to the Public**

Live Music, Free Dinner & Magic Show

For more info visit: <https://clearwaterforest.org/events/>



16595 Crooked Lake Road  
Deerwood, MN 56444

- **7:00 am - Registration opens for Bike Ride**
- **8:30 am - Bike Ride begins (8, 30, 50 mile options)**
- **9:30 - 11:30 am - Camper's Choice Activities**
- **Noon - Lunch available for purchase**
- **2 pm - the Adventure-a-Thon begins!**
- **3:30 pm - Awards**
- **4:00 - 5:45 pm - Live Music from Emily Youel**
- **5 pm - Dinner!**
- **5:45 pm - Magic Show**



## **Join us for Open Eye Theatre's Driveway Tour puppet show!**

We're hosting a performance of  
**Jeremy & the Giant King**

After spending the morning terrorizing the neighborhood, Jeremy and his little brother embark on a romp through the forest where they stumble across a mysterious woodland witch. Jeremy is transported into a fantastical storybook realm, whose inhabitants are at their wits' end dealing with the problem of a Giant King on the rampage! Can Jeremy help bring order to the realm?

**Date & Time:**  
**Sunday, August 2, 2026**  
**Picnic Dinner at 6:00 PM**  
**Show starts at 7:00 PM**

**Location:** Valley Community  
Presbyterian Church  
Parking Lot  
3100 Lilac Dr. N  
*\*indoors if rain*

**Instructions:** Grab you friends! Come for a picnic and stay for the show. We'll provide hotdogs, lemonade, ice cream and you bring a side to share. All are welcome!



# CLEARWATER CHRYSALIS WOMEN'S RETREAT

AUGUST 13-16, 2026  
OPTIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY - AUGUST 12

KEYNOTE: REV. ANNA KENDIG FLORES  
THEME: SPIRITUAL WARRIORS FOR LOVE  
HEALING OUR COMMUNITIES FROM THE INSIDE OUT

Visit <https://clearwaterforest.org/>  
for more information and to register

CLEARWATER FOREST  
CONTACT CLEARWATER WITH QUESTIONS  
218-678-2325  
REGISTER IS NOW OPEN!



## VALLEY MEN'S RETREAT 2026

Clearwater Forest  
Camp & Retreat Center  
September 25-27

Join other Valley men for a weekend away at the beautiful Clearwater Forest Camp & Retreat Center. Participants will enjoy fellowship and activities. There will also be time to explore topics related to the Presbyterian faith and spirituality through study and discussion.

Sign-Up in Fellowship Hall  
-or-  
Contact the Church Office

# 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

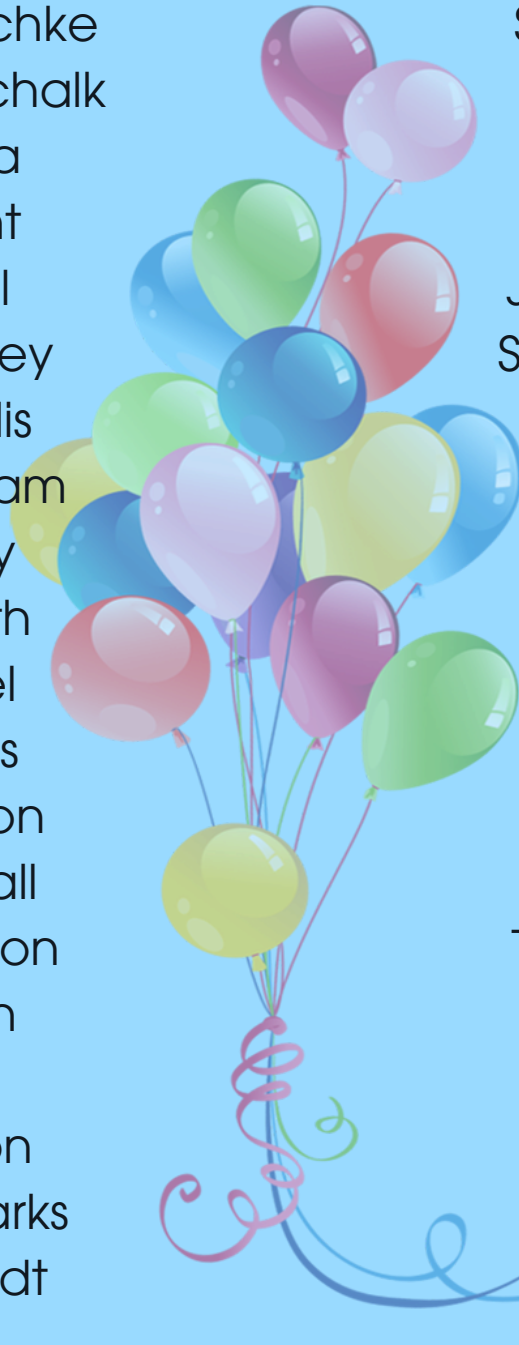
Ann Roach

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



# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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