

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 21, 2026

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

He's Been Faithful
Carol Cymbala, arr. Jim Hammerly

Rachel Williams,
piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

When Morning Guilds the Skies
Joseph Barnby, arr. Bill Wolaver

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

People: O Lord my God, you are very great!

Leader: You make springs gush forth in the valleys; you cause the grass to grow for livestock and plants for people to cultivate.

People: You give drink to every wild animal, and satisfy the earth with the fruit of your work.

Leader: You open your hand, and we are filled with good things.

People: May the glory of the Lord endure forever!

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

† Hymn #41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

vss. 1, 4, & 5

O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Sheila Sheldon

God of grace and faithfulness, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive our sin to raise us to new life. In that life, may we serve you more faithfully and give honor to your holy name. In Christ 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 #59

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is your faithfulness, O Lord,
great is your faithfulness.

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

How Deep the Father's Love for Us
Stuart Townend

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 2 (CEB)

SERMON

The Meet Cute

Rev. Kyle Sandison

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #683

Lord of All Hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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

Juneteenth: A Matthew 25 Congregation

Sarah Fadell

*** OFFERTORY**

Be Still and Know with Be Still, My Soul (Finlandia)
arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of justice and love, may our gifts be put to work, seeking your righteousness, and singing your praise. Lead us and guide us as we proclaim your good news, that we may live in peace, abundance, and love. Amen.

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

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us,
traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound.

Ever faithful, ever faithful
to your truth may we be found.

Savior, when your love shall call us,
from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad your summons to obey.

May we ever, may we ever
reign with you in endless day.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Blessed Assurance
Phoebe P. Knapp, arr. Melody Bober

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, June 21

Sponsored by Peggy Niebling

In memory of my dearest Tootsie

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for **Rick Martens** who had a serious fall at his and **Carole's** cabin in Hayward, WI over the weekend. He broke his femur in 4 places and had a successful surgery on Monday to repair that. He is currently hospitalized in Hayward and will transfer to a rehab as soon as he's able.

Cynthia Malinowski's mother passed away this week. Cynthia had traveled to Sacramento last week and was able to be with her. Prayers of comfort for Cynthia and her family as they grieve.

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: Janet will have an MRI and lab draw on Monday and a post op follow up with podiatry on Wednesday. The hope is to start chemo again the following week..

To support the Carlsons, Valley staff set up a Meal Train. Please sign up at <https://mealtrain.com/ne11n6>. For updates on Janet, please 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, June 21

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, June 22

6:30 pm Session meeting

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, June 23

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship

6:00 pm *Rooted* movie screening

Wednesday, June 24

Youth Local Mission Trip

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

Thursday, June 25

Youth Local Mission Trip

10:00 am Meals on Wheels

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, June 26

Youth Local Mission Trip

Saturday, June 27

Sunday, June 28 - Youth Echo Service

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

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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SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

June 7: 406 (200 in-person)

75th Anniversary Worship

June 14: 205 (116 in-person)

A FILM BY THE GREAT NORTHERN

ROOTED

STORIES FROM
MINNESOTA'S
FARMING FUTURE

CLIMATE SOLUTIONS START CLOSE TO HOME

PREMIERING MARCH 26TH

YOU are invited to join with others to view a new documentary that highlights the challenges and achievements of those growing food close to home in Minnesota.

When: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 @ 6:30 PM

Where: Valley Community Presbyterian Church
3100 Lilac Dr N, Golden Valley, MN 55422

Hosted by Carolyn Anderson and
Elders Climate Action Twin Cities

Refreshments and follow up discussion included.



• 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

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

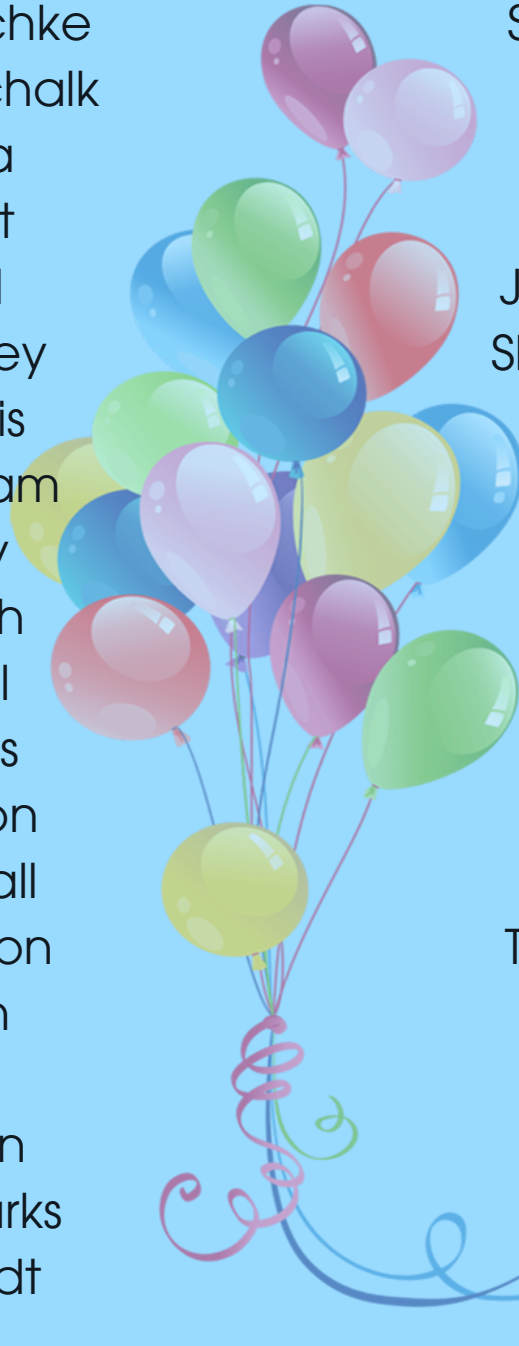
Clearwater Forest
Camp & Retreat Center
September 25-27

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
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Sam Malecha
Tom Day
Craig Michael
Tim Grosshuesch
Kate Reinert
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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