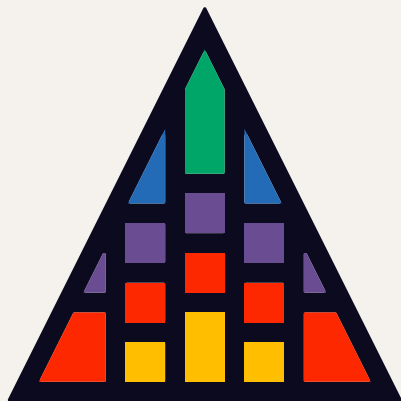




Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 20, 2026

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Humble and Kind
Lori McKenna, arr. Lorie Line

Rachel Williams,
piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

At the River
adapted by Aaron Copland

Jamie Marshall,
tenor

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us worship God who is gracious and merciful,

People: Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: God is good to all,

People: and God's mercy is over all that God has made.

Leader: Let us worship the God whose goodness reaches every corner.

People: Let us worship our God whose grace is wide enough for all.

Leader: Let us worship God together!

† Hymn #31

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

Let us with a gladsome mind
praise the Lord who is so kind:
for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

God, with all-commanding might,
filled the new-made world with light:
for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living God does feed;
with full measure, meets their need:
for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us with a gladsome mind
praise the Lord who is so kind:
for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Sheila Sheldon, CRE

Merciful God, forgive us for the ways we have made your kingdom smaller than you intend it: for the borders we draw around your welcome, for the conditions we attach to your love, for the times we have wanted justice for ourselves and only judgment for our neighbor.

Open our hands again, as yours are open. Widen our welcome, as yours is wide. Teach us to receive your grace without earning it, and to extend it to others just as freely, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 #447

We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Amazing Grace
John Newton, arr. Thomas Keesecker

Valley Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 20:1-16 (CEB)

SERMON

The Vineyard

Rev. Kyle Sandison

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Clare Terrace

Madeleine Hammerlund,
Clare Housing

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.

*OFFERTORY

Your Labor is Not in Vain

Wendell Kimbrough, Paul Zach, and Isaac Wardell

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God of the vineyard, your generosity far exceeds our human measure of fairness or calculation. We bring before you our offerings, our time, and the very labor of our lives. Transform these resources into living proof of your radical mercy. Use them to tend to the weary, to feed the hungry, and to announce in a fractured world that all are welcome in your grace. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn

A Man Owned a Vineyard

Music/Lyrics after
Joys and Concerns page

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation
arr. Michael Larkin

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

*From September through December, loose offering collected during worship is designated for **Every Meal**.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Joys and Concerns

Lisa Cawhorn transferred to Allina Health Restorative Suites in Plymouth on Thursday. Continued prayers for her recovery.

Prayers for **Rev. Rebecca Tollefson** who was discharged home on Monday. As she continues to recover, Rebecca will need help with meals. If you're able, please visit <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/3n0lk> to sign up to bring her a meal. Please call the office to get her phone number to arrange a drop off.

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:

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

Taichi Chen: continues chemo treatments. <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen>

Janet (& Rick) Carlson: Janet started her 3 days of high dose chemo treatments on Thursday. She'll have a break and then the stem cells transplant process will start on Tuesday, September 22. Prayers for Janet and Rick, Janelle, & Beth as this will be a tough 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 has a blood/port draw and PET scan scheduled for September 29. She will meet with her oncologist on October 7 to go over results & possible trial drugs. <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.

A Man Owned a Vineyard

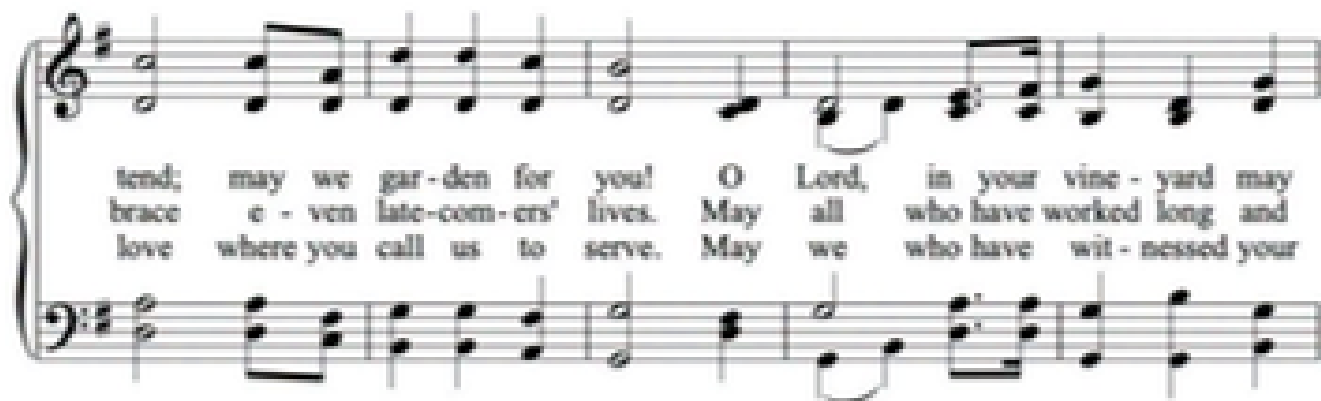


1. A man owned a vine-yard and need-ed a crew to tend to his
2. He went back a num-ber of times on that day; he called to new
3. He called the com-plain-ers and said, "This is true, that I kept my

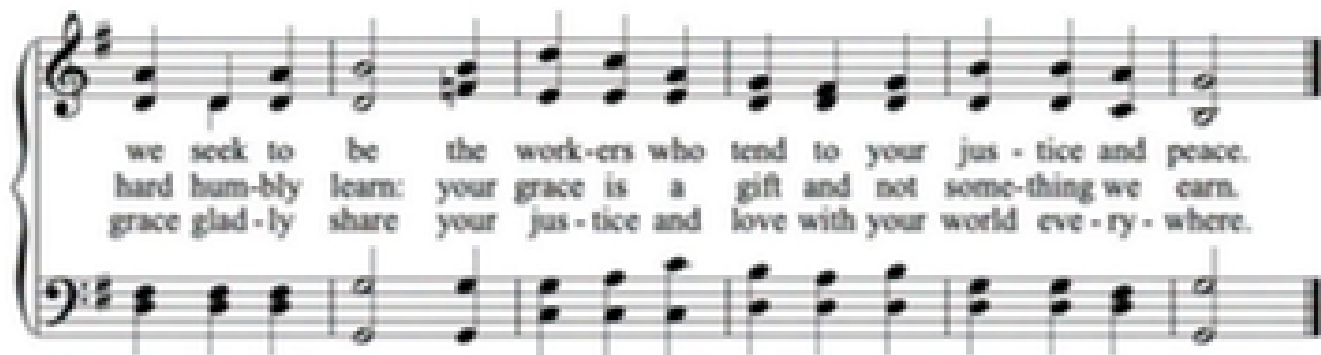
land, there was plen-ty to do. He called out to peo-ple down-
work-ers and prom-ised fair pay. Can we but i-mag-ine those
word and I gave you your due. I share with com-pas-sion; I'm

town in the square, "Come work hard all day and I'll pay you what's fair."
first work-ers' rage when all those who la-bored re-ceived the same wage?
lov-ing and kind. I care for all peo-ple and give what is mine."

God, you call and you send; there is work here to do. There's your whole world to
God, the gift of your grace comes as quite a sur-prise, for your mer-cies em-
God, you give what is yours, more than what we de-serve; may we reach out in



tend; may we gar-den for you! O Lord, in your vine - yard may
 brace e - ven late-com-ers' lives. May all who have worked long and
 love where you call us to serve. May we who have wit - nessed your



we seek to be the work-ers who tend to your jus - tice and peace.
 hard hum-bly learn: your grace is a gift and not some-thing we earn.
 grace glad-ly share your jus - tice and love with your world eve - ry - where.

(Higher key at *United Methodist Hymnal* no. 98.)

WORDS: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2011 (Matthew 20:1-16)

MUSIC: William Howard Doane, 1875

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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Chancel Flowers

Sunday, September 20

Sponsored by Mary Wilkens

In memory of my husband, Jerry

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

This Week at Valley

Sunday, September 20

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am -1:30 pm Adult Ed - *Lunch provided

Samuel Torres, Ed.D. - **National Native**

American Boarding School Healing Coalition

1:00 pm TEAMS & Youth Group

Monday, September 21

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, September 22

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship

Wednesday, September 23

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 24

10:00 am-11:30 Meals on Wheels

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, September 25

Mens' Retreat

Saturday, September 26

Mens' Retreat

Sunday, September 27

Mens' Retreat

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Ed - Hanne Sandison - **MN Truth**

Council & Immigration Updates

1:00 pm TEAMS & Youth 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!

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The entire Valley Community!

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Hsu-hui Wang

Choral & Handbell Director

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Custodian

Hunter Sheldon

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Rev. Bill Davnie

Rev. Kate O'Brien Soltau

Rev. David Phillips

Rev. Nancy Phillips

Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

September 6: 194 (94 in person)

September 13: 220 (114 in person)

Indigenous Justice Task Force & Educational Ministries Team Presents....



The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition

Adult Education Week 2

September 20, 2026 | 11:00 AM -1:30 PM

*Lunch Provided by
Native Harvest Catering

This session intends to explore the work and scope of this national movement for truth, justice, and healing from the U.S. Indian boarding school system. NABS is a leading national organization dedicated to advocating on behalf of Native peoples impacted by the U.S. Indian boarding school federal policies and its collaboration with Christian faith communities.



Samuel B. Torres, Ed.D.
Deputy Chief Executive Officer



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Golden Valley, MN 55422



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Adult Education | September 27 | 11:00 AM

MN TRUTH COUNCIL & IMMIGRATION UPDATES

Hanne Sandison, Director of Legal Services
The Advocates for Human Rights



The Minnesota Truth Council is an independent, non-partisan body that is creating a historical record of survivor and witness experiences. They will produce a report with recommendations for legislative and policy reform. The Advocates for Human Rights is the implementing partner of the Minnesota Truth Council and is responsible for the story collection. Hanne Sandison will share about this important work and why it will be a vital part of our history. She will also give an update on current immigration issues in our state.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room



CHANCEL CHOIR

Love to sing?

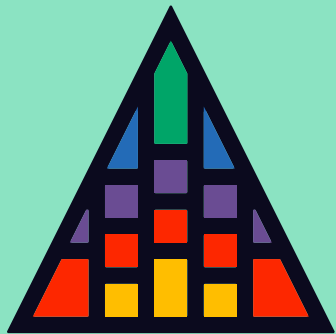
Join the Chancel Choir!

Rehearsals: Meet weekly on
Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM & 8:30 am
on the Sundays we sing in worship.

Sing: 1st & 3rd Sundays in worship.



Hsu-hui Wang, interim director
Rachel Williams, piano



VALLEY CHURCH **DIRECTORY** **2026-2027**

Did you move? Change your phone number or email address?
Call or email Rachel in the office to update your contact
information for the church directory!

New member or just want to update your photo?

Rachel will take one at church or you can send one of your
own to office@valleychurch.net by **Sunday, October 4!**

PRISM

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- COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY -

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD
11AM-3PM

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY VENDORS

GAMES

FOOD

MUSIC

FOOD DRIVE

SHOP FOR CHANGE SALE

-1220 Zane Ave N, Golden Valley, MN 55422-

PRISM



FALL FESTIVAL



**BACK
TO THE
50's**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
5:00 - 8:00 PM

Silent Auction Items:

- Gopher sports & Timberwolves tickets
- Baskets for Valley mission partners
- Fun Theme Baskets
- Wide variety of services and experience
- AND MUCH MORE!



DJ!

Live Auction!

Gift Card Wall

Food

Kid's Activities

Bounce House • Games • Face Painting

Tickets On Sale Now!

\$15 ADULT
\$10 KIDS

**On Sale in
Fellowship Hall or Online**





FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
DONATIONS WANTED

Silent Auction Items Wanted:

- MN College Sports tickets
- Gift cards that you have not used
- Acts of Service (Soup of the Month, Cooking Class, Tea Party, Ride to Airport, Fall Lawn Clean up, etc.)

Live Auction Items Wanted: (Valued over \$200)

- Cabin Experiences
- Timberwolves Game Experience
- Dinner Party
- Other Ideas Welcome!

**BACK TO THE
50's**



**Please Bring
Donations to the
Church Office by
September 20th.**

New Volunteer Opportunity at PRISM!

PRISM is piloting a program to get more Faith Partner churches involved in the week to week work being done at PRISM, and **Valley Community** is the first group they are asking. [Click here to Sign Up](#)

Who: Valley - members, couples and families

When: **Thursday** evenings in **OCTOBER** from **5:00-7:00 pm**

What: Sort and pack Hygiene Kits and Diaper Bundles for families who receive services at PRISM.

Need: 4 to 6 volunteers each week

Location

PRISM

1220 Zane Ave N

Golden Valley, MN 55422



Scan the QR Code
to sign up

• 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

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HOME • HEALTH • HOPE



**MN Senate 43, and House 43A and 43B
Candidate Meet- &-Greet and HIV Long-term
Survivor Town Meeting**

- Hear stories from HIV long-term survivors
- Meet our state candidates
- Learn where state candidates stand on issues that matter to you, such as home, health, and hope

Join us for a free meal, community conversations, and an opportunity to learn more about your candidates and community!

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Thursday, October 8, 2026

Time: 6:00-7:30 PM CST

(Doors open at 5:30PM for community meal)

Location: Clare Terrace

(3555 France Ave N, Robbinsdale, MN 55422)



**Register by scanning the
QR code or visiting
bit.ly/districts43forum**

**Fridays in the Valley
Presents:**



Steve Lehto & John Wright

Friday, October 9, 2026
Concert begins @ 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
**MISSIONS INC. PROGRAMS AND
THE HOME FREE SHELTER.**



Valley Community

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PC(USA)

**Oct
25
4-5 PM**

**Hosted by
Valley Youth**

Candy

**Trunk
or
Treat
for PRISM**



**A
Community
Event
with a
Cause!**

**Bring pantry items for PRISM and
help us fill the trailer at our annual
Trick or Treat for PRISM drive.
Can't wait to see you there!**

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Happy Birthday Valley Family!



Frankline Nyongkah

Lennox Mead

Alan Wold

Arik Sandison

Aaron Craven

Arnold Schellhaas

Pius Nti

Jeff Soltau

Hayden Gautsche

Claire Reinert

Pete Messer

Christine Phelan

Jonathan Schellhaas

Ted Arneson

Steve Bauer

Katie Decker

Gwen Rouleau

Evonne Kirchenwitz

Liam Bonner

Sevdina (Nina) Bonner

SuAnn Bygd

Mark Freeman

James Decker

Tom Jenson

Mariah Messer

Andrew Westerlund

Helmut Winter

Peter Brant

Paul Minter

Emily Steffel

Sarah Gonsior

Deborah Poynter

Jennifer Biggs

Bellinda Nti





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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