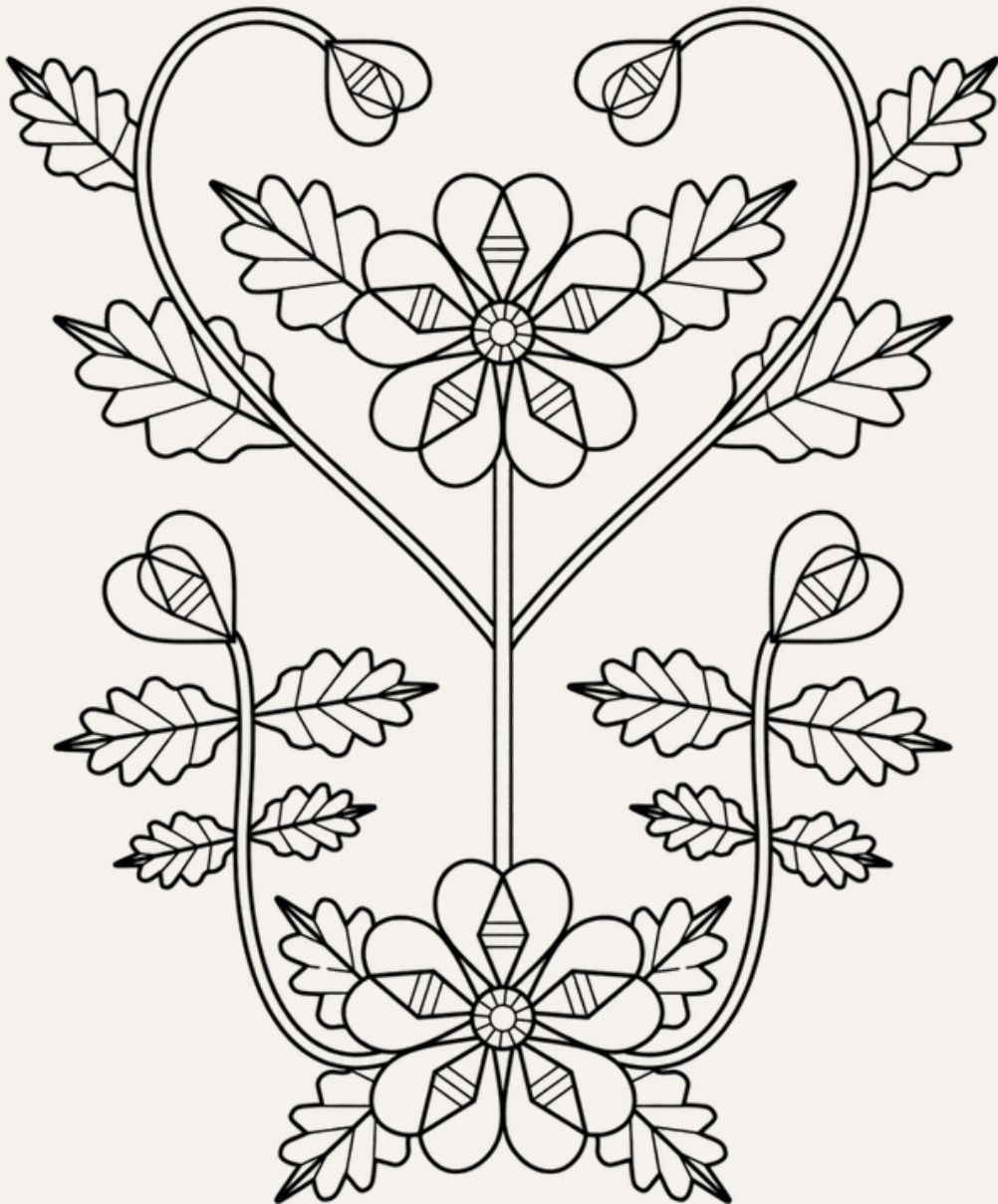




Valley Community

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' SUNDAY



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Prairie Rose (Rosa Ārkansana)

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(Sisthunyaw-Walgethunway of the Spirit Lake Dakota Tribe)

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GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Wellbreitty/Serenity Song
Dennis & Elaine Bakken, Ojibwe

Rachel Williams, piano
Jim Rock, guitar & vocals
Matt Weiss, guitar & vocals

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Many and Great
Dakota Hymn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sara Schiebout

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

People: God, you are clothed in light and majesty.

Leader: You send springs into the valleys and water to every living thing.

People: The trees drink their fill, and the birds sing among the branches.

Leader: How many are your works, O God!

People: In wisdom you made them all, and the whole earth is full of your creatures.

Leader: When you send your Spirit, life is created.

People: You renew the face of the earth.

Leader: Let us sing to the Lord as long as we live.

People: We will praise our God with all that we are.

Leader: Let us worship God!

† Hymn #14

For the Beauty of the Earth

vss. 1, 2, 4, & 5

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light: ***Refrain***

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild: ***Refrain***

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven: ***Refrain***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all creation, of all people and every tribe, we confess the ways we have failed to recognize our connection with the earth and all created things. We confess the ways in which we have ignored the dignity of others who bear your image. We acknowledge that the land on which we gather has memories of broken treaties and stolen homes, and that we have benefitted from those injustices.

Help us to listen to those we've wronged and help us commit ourselves to the work of repair and reconciliation. Make us people who tell the truth about our history, keep our promises, and seek healing with our neighbors. Gather us together as one in Christ, through 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 #447

We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (2x)

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

Crystal Boyd

Congregational Blessing:

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Precious Lord
Thomas A. Dorsey

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:1-5, 26-28, 31; Genesis 2:4-8, 15

SERMON

We Are All Connected

Rev. Kyle Sandison

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #36

For the Fruit of All Creation

vss 1 & 3

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

written by Hattie Enos, Nez Perce

O Great Spirit, Creator of the universe, you are the Shepherd Chief in the most high place, whose home is everywhere, even beyond the stars and the moon. Whatever you want done, let it also be done everywhere. Give us your gift of bread day by day. Forgive us our wrongs as we forgive those who wrong us. Take us away from wrong things. Free us from all evil. For everything belongs to you. Let your power and glory shine forever. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Indigenous Peoples' Sunday

Janet Triplett

OFFERTORY

O God the Creator
Elizabeth Haile, Shinnecock &
Cecil Corbett, Nez Perce/Choctaw

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we give you thanks for the abundance of your creation, and your many good gifts to us. We return a portion to you now and ask that you would use this offering and our very lives to promote justice and healing in our community and throughout the earth. Amen.

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

The Earth Belongs to God Alone

*The earth belongs to God alone;
hard clay, rich soil, fine sand.
Give thanks wherever food is grown
on borrowed holy land.*

*The fertile ground through years of toil
has cried for Sabbath rest—
a time of peace for worn-out soil
so land can be refreshed.*

*All life belongs to God alone,
in wilderness and fields.
From fallow land, or plowed and sown,
God gives the good it yields.*

*Till God endows the earth once more
with Eden's state of grace,
may we endeavor to restore
all land as sacred space.*

BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

He's Comin
Jim Rock, Dakota

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, October 11

Sponsored by [Susie Potter](#)

So grateful for this Valley family

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for our friends at **Liberty Church**, as **21st Century Academy** lost a significant source of funding. We walk alongside them, as we consider how to continue to support this vital ministry.

Continued prayers for the **Beckstrom** family as they mourn the loss of **Tony's** father, **Walter (Wally)**. The memorial service will take place at Washburn-McReavy in Crystal (5125 West Broadway). Visitation will be on Saturday, October 17, from 3:00-4:00 pm, with service beginning at 4:00 pm.

Prayers for the family of **Judy Maghakian**, as she passed away on Thursday, October 8. Judy was a former Valley staff member and the wife of Valley's former pastor, **Harry Maghakian**.

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 **Caring Bridge** profiles here:

Carole Martens prayers of continued healing as she recovers from the burns she sustained on Sept. 19th. She will have a follow up on her CLL in October.

Taichi Chen: After his recent scans, the Chens have learned that the next step for **Taichi** is hospice. While their hearts are heavy, they are grateful for the connections, bonus time, and love and support from their Valley family. <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen>

Taichi, Robin, and Rev. Kyle performed a moving arrangement of "Be Thou My Vision" during worship on Sunday. Enjoy here: <https://www.youtube.com/live/YZCJofYbNI4?t=948s>

Janet (& Rick) Carlson: Continued prayers for **Janet** as she remains in the hospital while her care team has been working to resolve multiple issues, including a bad cough and difficulty breathing. A big thank you to her Valley family, as the prayers mean so much to her. For updates on Janet, please follow Rick's CaringBridge: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/rickcarlson101>.

To support the Carlsons, Valley staff set up a Meal Train. Please sign up at <https://mealtrain.com/ne11n6>.

Susie Potter: After her recent tests, Susie's cancer marker number & PET scan showed increases. She is still going to wait another 6 weeks & then possibly start on a hormone replacement pill. <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, October 11

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Ed -**Kassy Nystrom & Abbie**

Zahler - Hennepin County -Informed Food Security Initiative

1:00 pm TEAMS & Youth Group

Monday, October 12

10:00 am - 11:30 am

4th Annual Ħaña Wakpadan Water Blessing

Westwood Hills Nature Center

St Louis Park, MN 55426

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, October 13

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship

6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

Wednesday, October 14

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 15

10:00 am Meals on Wheels

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, October 16

Saturday, October 17

Sunday, October 18 - Education Sabbath

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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Rev. David Phillips

Rev. Nancy Phillips

Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

September 27: 214 (110 in person)

October 4: 238 (127 in person)



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Adult Education | October 11 | 11:00 AM

INFORMED FOOD SECURITY INITIATIVE - HENNEPIN COUNTY

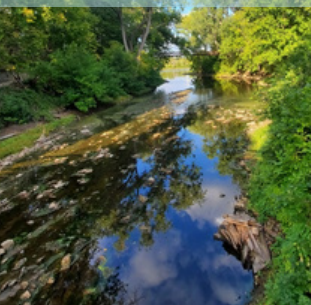
Kassy Nystrom, Hennepin County Food Security Coordinator

Abbie Zahler, Hennepin County Public Health Promotion Manager

Kassy Nystrom and Abbie Zahler, will share about Hennepin County's Community-Informed Food Security Initiative. They will describe the history of the initiative and the work being done to support food needs across the county. They will also be able to answer general questions on SNAP benefits and how current legislation impacts those who rely on these services.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room

Fourth Annual
Haha Wakpadan
Water Blessing



MONDAY, OCTOBER 12
10-11:30 AM

WESTWOOD HILLS NATURE CENTER

8300 W FRANKLIN AVE,
ST LOUIS PARK, MN 55426

**RAIN OR SHINE, FREE,
AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY!**

**Please join us in honoring
Hāhā Wakpádan (Bassett Creek)
through a water blessing and
educational activities.**

We'll also celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day through song and land acknowledgment. Indigenous participants will share ways to care for the lands and waters of Mni Sóta Makoce (Minnesota).

Valley Men's Lunch

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20
11:30 AM

**50s
GRILL**



3rd Tuesday of every month!

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.

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

Where: PRISM 1220 Zane Ave N
Golden Valley, MN 55422

DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE

TICKETS AND INFO AT
THEHIVECOLLABORATIVEMN.COM



SONGS AND POEMS
PERFORMED BY
JAMIE MARSHALL

WITH **WESLEY FRYE,**
JENESSA IVERSON,
RYAN MARSHALL,
AUDREY SNYDER,
JACK STRAND, AND
HUNTER BATTERSON

OCTOBER 23, 7PM

OCTOBER 24, 7PM 

OCTOBER 25, 2PM

THE HIVE COLLABORATIVE
677 HAMLINE AVE.

Fall Clean Up

SATURDAY, October 24

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Exterior cleaning of the church grounds

SIGN UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

*If needed, weather make up day:
Saturday, November 7

Valley Craft & Connect

Craft & Connect is for anyone who enjoys a day crafting, working on a puzzle or just chatting with friends.

Come catch up on a project, start something new or come see what others are working on for inspiration!

Crafting isn't your thing? That's okay! Come for the low-key fellowship - get to know Valley friends while working on a puzzle or playing a game or two.

***Optional* Bring a dish to share for lunch at 12 PM.**



SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 24, 2026
10 AM - 2:00 PM
LUNCH AT 12 PM



NEW MEMBER CLASS

Sunday, October 25 at 11:00

Valley Library
Lunch will be served.

CONTACT REV. KYLE SANDISON
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STEWARDSHIP 2026



KICK-OFF:
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

75:
Valley
WORKS!



DEDICATION SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 8, 2026

Valley 
Community

PC(USA)

Candy

Hosted by
Valley Youth

Oct
25
4-5 PM

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!

Happy Birthday Valley!

Lisa Cawhorn
Lonnie Johnson
Brayden Rude
Reid Nichols
Gail Smith
Rachel Hole
Brandon Novy
Cathy LaPoint
Valerie Craven
Nancy Husnik
Aubrie Larsen
Thom Reinert
Madelyn Soens
Alexander Kara
Jack Perry
Earl Robertson
Max Westerlund
Ginger Jackson
Myron Jones
Chrisdel Nyongkah
Cheryl Smith
Peggy Meyer
Linda Wold
Lilianna Schellhaas

Andrew Freeberg
Les Freeberg
Hanne Sandison
Ann Keen
Kyle Boyd
Earl Michael
Alex Graham
Nancy Olson
Mary Ann Winter
Janet Triplett
Catherine Paulson
Norman Chervany
Rev. Nancy Phillips
Ann Van Heest





Valley Community

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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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