Valley Presbyterian Church (USA)
Oasis of Grace

While We Are Waiting

October 11, 2026• 9:30 a.m.

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:1-14 • Philippians 4:1 - 9

There Is Room for You Here

Welcome to Valley.

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, there is room for you here.

We're glad you've joined us.

Some arrive with deep faith. Some arrive carrying questions. Wherever you are on the journey, you are welcome in this place.

Visitor packets are available at the Visitor's Table and Welcome Centers. Fill out a welcome card if you would like someone to reach out to you.

Bold words are spoken together. L means Leader; **P means People**. ***Please stand for hymns and other marked moments as you are able. Everything in **color** will be sung.

Join us for coffee and cookies in Fellowship Hall after worship.

Gathering and Trusting God's Mercy

Prelude *Be Exalted O God* (Chambers/Wilhelmi)

Welcome and Announcements

Passing the Peace of Christ

Please sign the Friendship Pad in your pew. Join us for coffee and cookies in Fellowship Hall after worship.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Outpouring of Waters • Trinity Ringing

Call to Worship (*Based on Psalm 106 and Philippians 4*) Kurt Hargleroad

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

P: God's steadfast love endures forever.

L: We come with what we understand and what we do not understand.

P: Still, God meets us here.

L: We come carrying gratitude and questions, hope and worry.

P: The Lord is near.

L: In every season, through every uncertainty, God remains faithful.

P: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn 39 • *Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Prayer of Adoration

Faithful God, before we knew to look for you, you were already here. You have carried your people through wilderness and uncertainty, through seasons of joy and days when the road disappeared beneath their feet. You are faithful when we understand you and faithful when we do not. You are present in our gratitude, present in our questions, present even in those long stretches when we wonder what you are doing. You have made yourself known to us in Jesus Christ, who comes near to the frightened, the weary, the searching, and the hopeful. So quiet within us everything that keeps us from noticing you. Open our eyes to your presence. Open our ears to your Word. Open our hearts to the grace already reaching toward us. We are here, O God. And you were here before we arrived. Receive our worship, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Invitation to Confession

There are times when trusting God comes easily. And there are times when waiting becomes difficult, uncertainty becomes frightening, and we reach for whatever makes us feel secure. We do not come before God pretending otherwise. We come because the God who already knows us is merciful. Trusting that mercy, let us confess our sins together.

Silence for personal confession.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, we confess how difficult it is to wait. When we cannot see what you are doing, we become impatient. When the future feels uncertain, we reach for whatever promises control. When fear grows louder, we forget what you have already done. We trust what we can see, what we can hold, what we can manage, and we forget to trust you. Forgive us. Call us back from the things we have trusted in your place. Remind us of your faithfulness. Teach us again that silence is not absence, waiting is not abandonment, and your mercy is deeper than our fear.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

L: Hear the good news. Our hope does not rest in our ability to hold tightly enough to God. Our hope rests in the God who refuses to let go of us. Before we found our way back, grace was already moving toward us.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end,
Amen, Amen.

Listening for God's Word

Time with Young Disciples

Prayer of Illumination

Living God, your Word has met your people in wilderness, on mountains, in prison cells, and around ordinary tables. Meet us here. Give us ears to hear beyond the words we expect. Show us what we have overlooked. And by your Holy Spirit, help us recognize the living Christ who is already among us. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 32: 1-14

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

32 When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." [2] Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me." [3] So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. [4] He took these from them, formed them in a mold, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" [5] When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." [6] They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel.

[7] The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; [8] they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " [9] The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. [10] Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

[11] But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath
burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with
great power and with a mighty hand? [12] Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was
with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to
consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath;
change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. [13] Remember
Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own
self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven,
and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they
shall inherit it forever.’ ” [14] And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster
that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem *The First Song of Isaiah* J.N. White/Arr. V. Stephenson

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in Him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
And He will be my Savior.

New Testament: Philippians 4:1-9

4 1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and
crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Exhortations

2 [l] urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. [3] Yes,
and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have
struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the
rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

[4] Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. [5] Let your gentleness be
known to everyone. The Lord is near. [6] Do not be anxious about anything, but
in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be
made known to God. [7] And the peace of God, which surpasses all
understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

[8] Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [9] As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

L: The words of God, for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon ***While We Are Waiting*** Rev Blear Beaver

Responding to God's Word

OUR RESPONSE

***Affirmation of Faith** *From the Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1 (4.001)*

L: What is our only comfort in life and in death?

P: Our only comfort, in life and death, is that we belong— body and soul, in life and in death— not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all our sins and has completely freed us from the dominion of the devil; that he protects us so well that without the will of our Father in heaven not a hair can fall from our heads; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for our salvation.

Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures us of eternal life, and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Hymn of Response 840 • *It Is Well with My Soul

Invitation to the Offering

We do not give to persuade God to be generous. God has already been generous. We give because grace has found us, because we belong to one another, and because God gives us the privilege of joining what God is already doing in the world.

With gratitude, let us offer our gifts and our lives to God.

Offertory *Shall We Gather River* Arr. J. Raney

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SENDING

Carrying God's Word into the World

***Prayer of Dedication**

Faithful God, everything we have rests finally in your care. Receive these gifts. Take what we offer and use it beyond what we can see: to welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, comfort the lonely, strengthen your church, and bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ.

And receive us as well. Use our hands, our voices, our time, and our lives for your good purposes. Amen.

PRAYER 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 have sinned 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.

Closing Hymn 826 • *Lift High the Cross

***Charge and Benediction**

Whatever you are waiting for, whatever remains unfinished, whatever you cannot yet see, go into this week without needing to know everything that comes next. Love the person in front of you. Receive the grace given for today. And trust the God who is already ahead of you.

The Lord is near.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you, this day and always.

Amen.

***Postlude** *Benediction Medley* Arr. M. Hayes

Worship doesn't end at the doors. It continues wherever you go, because the God we met here today is already present in the ordinary moments of our lives.

Sanctuary Flowers Provided By:

Jim and Cheryl Conner, in memory of Don and Lee Conner's wedding Anniversary .and celebrating all October Anniversaries.

The Rose on the Baptismal Font is in Memory of: Marya Dalrymple.

Please remember those in the Hospital or Rehab: Marcia MacDonald.

Join Us in the Fellowship after Worship to Celebrate Rev. Blair on Pastor Appreciation Day.

This Week at Valley

October 11 – October 17

Today After Worship

Coffee and cookies

Fellowship Hall • Everyone is welcome.

Congregational Meeting • to elect Deacon's and Elders.

Monday - Columbus Day

Parkinson's Chair Exercise 9:00 a.m. • Charter Hall
Free class for people who have Parkinson's.

Valley Fiber Art Guild 9:00 a.m. • Fellowship Hall

Faith Formation Meeting 9:30 a.m. • Classroom 3

Bible Study 1:00 p.m. • Classroom 5

Journey Through Grief 1:00 p.m. • Sweet Family Room
Session three of eight.

Patio Sale Coordinating Team 4:00 p.m. • Classroom 1

Tuesday

Mission Committee 8:15 a.m. • Classroom 1

Cardio Drumming 9:00 a.m. • Fellowship Hall • All are welcome.

Prayer Ministry 9:30 a.m. • Sweet Family Room

Line Dancing with Steve and Nancy
Fellowship Hall
Noon — beginners
1:00 p.m. — advanced beginners

Joyful Spirit Ensemble Rehearsal 2:15 p.m. • Sweet Family Room

Wednesday

Deacon Meeting 9:00 a.m. • Classroom 5

Parkinson's Chair Exercise 9:00 a.m. • Charter Hall

Men's Bible Study 9:00 a.m. • Classroom 1

Chair Exercise with Mia Cooper 10:00 a.m. • Charter Hall

Miriam Circle 1:00 p.m. • Classroom 1

Hand Bell Rehearsal 2:00 p.m. • Sweet Family Room

Women's Ministries Lunch Prep 2:00 p.m. Kitchen and Fellowship Hall

Choir Rehearsal 3:15 p.m. • Sanctuary

Thursday

Buildings and Grounds Meeting 9:00 a.m. • Classroom 5

Rock Painting Class 11:00 a.m. • Classroom 1

Women's Ministries Gathering Luncheon 11:30 a.m. • Fellowship Hall

Rock Painting Class 11:00 a.m. • Classroom 1

Why Do Presbyterians Do That? 1:00 p.m. • Classroom 5

Journey Though Grief 1:00 p.m. • Sweet Family Room

The Chosen October 15• 2:00 p.m. • Spiritual Life Center
Jesus raises Lasarus from the dead.

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Friday

Parkinson's Chair Exercise 9:00 a.m. • Charter Hall

Chair Exercise with Mia Cooper Noon • Charter Hall

Write Where You Are 1:00 p.m. • Classroom 5

LEARN AND GROW TOGETHER

Continuing in October

Journey Through Grief Mondays and Thursdays, October 5–29
1:00 p.m. • Sweet Family Room With Carolyn Hill and Deb Jones. Contact the church office for details about attending.

Weekly Rock Painting Class Thursdays, Starting October 8 • 11:00 a.m.
Classroom 1 Carol Peeler and Kimberly Beaver will be hosting a Rock Painting Class. Free to attend, please contact the office to register.

Why Do Presbyterians Do That Thursdays, October 8–November 12
1:00 p.m. • Classroom 5 A six-week conversation with Rev. Blair about what Presbyterians believe, why we worship and govern the church as we do, and what it means for following Jesus. Call the office to register.

Breath as a Prayer Fridays, October 23–November 20, 1:00 p.m. • Classroom 5
Join Linda Piotrowski and others for a peaceful time of reflection as we quiet our minds, open our hearts and listen for the gentle voice of God.

Questions or Registration

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Help with Breeze

Breeze helps you keep your contact information current and access church information. Contact the office for help getting started.

Giving and Our Life Together

Giving Through August 31

Giving period	Received	Budget
August 2026	$40,422	$62,500
January–August 2026	$544,235	$500,000

August giving was $23,768 below budget. Giving for January–August was $3,812 above budget. These figures compare giving with its budget; they do not show expenses.

Worship on October 4

Sanctuary attendance: 172 • Online viewing: 73
Year to date: 9,636 sanctuary attendance; 3,784 online viewing.

Year-to-date totals cover multiple services.

Please visit the tables in the Charter Hall after Worship:

- Candlelight Café, Friday, October 23, 4:30 p.m. tickets are $10.00
- Crossroads Missions is collecting donations to purchase candy and small Bible story books for the Children at Crossroads.
- Women's Ministries Gathering Luncheon, October 15, 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, $13.00.

People and Ways to Connect

Church Leadership and Staff

Rev. Blair Beaver — Senior Pastor and Head of Staff
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