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And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called The Holy Way.

Isaiah 35:8

February 8, 2015

“Why do you say, Jacob, and declare, Israel, ‘My way is hidden from the Lord, my God ignores my predicament’?” *Isaiah 40:27*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — WELCOME

PRELUDE *Twos in the Moon of Wintertime* Bell Choir

INTROIT *All Creatures of Our God and King (vs.2)*
Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: God hears our prayers. God knows our needs.

PEOPLE: **In ways that express God’s saving love and with sustaining grace that fills and amazes us, God hears and helps.**

LEADER: We sing our praises to God. We unite in giving our thanks to God.

PEOPLE: **Our Lord is holy. Our Savior Jesus Christ is our firm foundation. Praise to the Lord, God Almighty.**

***HYMN** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* #35

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, God of glory, the closer we come to You, the more we realize our own unworthiness. Our thoughts and motives are less than noble and far from holy. Our intentions to be helpful fall short of our hopes. Our hearts desire to bring more Jesus into the world, but the mirror reflects that all we bring is just plain us.

Transform our lives to illuminate the new and forgiven us. Free us from burdens, release us from sins, and shine Your life-giving merciful love through us, who believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE** *Glory Be to the Father* #581

A TIME OF GREETING

ANTHEM *Good News!* Chancel Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (After the message, children entering the 5th grade and younger are invited to attend Sunday School in the Ranch House.)

SCRIPTURE (NT p. 35) Mark 1:29-39

HYMN *This Is My Song* #340

SCRIPTURE (OT p. 668) Isaiah 40:21-31

SERMON “Is It Contagious?”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles’ Creed pg. 17

OUR CARES AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER *Amen* #601

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY *Shall We Gather at the River?* arr. Joel Raney

***DOXOLOGY** #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** *Called as Partners in Christ’s Service* #761

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

POSTLUDE *God of Our Fathers* arr. Ron Boud

* Please stand if you are able.

Announcements & Opportunities
February 8, 2015

Welcome to our Worship Celebration this morning!

We worship every Sunday morning at 9:30 am and offer Sunday School for children. **Help us get acquainted with you by filling out our attendance pad and our guest card!** Please join us for **refreshments** and fellowship at our Coffee Social Time in the Ranch House **following our service.** You will find sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the Ranch House for our upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings 2 Kings 2:1-12
Mark 9:2-9

Our church strives to be fully accessible to all persons. The **first four rows** on the pulpit side of the sanctuary are designated "**Fragrance-Free.**"

Personal Receivers are available in the AV Room for those needing hearing assistance. **Any chair in our sanctuary can be moved** to make room for persons in **wheelchairs**—our ushers are ready to help. Recorded Audio Tapes are available in the AV Room after each service for your convenience or you can read our **sermons online at www.holywaypc.org.**

Bible Study is held every Tuesday. You are invited to join us for coffee and homemade snacks in the Conference Room at 9:00 a.m. We will begin our study of the **Book of Proverbs.**

Remember the church in your will

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- ✦ The **Worship Committee** meets after worship today.
- ✦ The **Mission Committee** meets on Monday at 6:00 pm at the home of Ellen LaCroix.
- ✦ The **Deacons** will meet at 1:30 pm on Tuesday.
- ✦ **Girl Scouts** meet in the Ranch House on Tuesday at 2:30 pm. *It's Cookie Time* – see Linda in the office to order some before we run out!
- ✦ **Dinner in the Ranch House** – we are serving Lasagna on Wednesday at 6:00 pm – **be sure to sign up** in the Ranch House!

✦ The Wednesday evening **Study Group on Islam** will begin at 6:45 pm this week. We will be joined by a member of the Tucson Islamic Community for this, our final session.

✦ Next Sunday after worship **Session has called for meetings of the corporation and the congregation** to amend the bylaws in order to expand the Board of Deacons from 9 to 12 members and to elect two persons to service as Deacons in the Class of 2015 and one each in the Classes of 2016 and 2017.

✦ The **Finance Committee** will meet next Tuesday, February 17th, at 10:15 am.

✦ **Session** will meet next Tuesday, February 17th, at 6:00 pm.

✦ **Next Thursday, February 19th, at 6:30 pm,** Astrid Chan, Ryan Phillips and the Chancel Choir will present a special concert (freewill offering received). And on **Sunday, March 8th at 2:00 pm,** Kevin Sterner and his band will present "George Strait and Other Country Legends". General admission tickets will be sold for \$10.

✦ We received \$230.89 for the **Souper Bowl of Caring** offering last Sunday. Thanks to all who contributed to this!

✦ **Mortgage Update:** As of February 1st, we are \$2,621 away from our goal of \$12,000! What happens when we meet the goal? All mortgage reduction funds will then be used to make additional principal payments on our lower interest mortgage that stands at \$84,873.

✦ The coats, blankets, gloves and hats for our **Mission Project, Warming up Sells,** have been delivered! Thank you to all who contributed items to this most worthy project.

✦ Looking for a reliable, **local Wi-Fi connection?** Look no further! We are glad to open our Wi-Fi network to you on Sundays (before and after worship) and during office hours.

✦ The **Holy Way Women's Retreat**, February 27th to March 1st, at the Amado Territory Inn, has room for three more women. The fee is \$130 (for lodging and food) for the weekend, double occupancy. Registration forms are on the table in the narthex. For more information, contact Carol Hearn (395-0381) or Jennifer Monroe (618-306-5573).

CALENDAR			
Sun.	Feb. 8	9:30 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School Worship Committee Alateen & Al-anon Meetings
Mon.	Feb. 9	9:30 am 2:00 pm 6:00 pm	Yoga Serendipity Mission Committee
Tue.	Feb. 10	9:00 am 1:30 pm 2:30 pm 6:00 pm	Bible Study Deacons Meeting Girl Scouts Al-anon Meeting
Wed.	Feb. 11	10:00 am 6:00 pm 6:45 pm	Writing Class Dinner in the Ranch House Islam Study
Thur.	Feb. 12	5:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:15 pm	Bell Choir AA Meeting Chancel Choir
Fri.	Feb. 13	9:00 am 1:00 pm	Holy Way Elves Women's AA Meeting
Sun.	Feb. 15	9:30 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School Congregational/Corp. Meeting Alateen & Al-Anon

SESSION

Class of 2015	Gerry Pearson	Congregational Life/Memorial
Class of 2015	Wendy Mattias	Administration
Class of 2015	Dougald McIntyre	Administration
Class of 2015	Dudley Williams	Buildings/Grounds/Finance
Class of 2016	Sherril Atleson	Mission/Worship
Class of 2016	Dee Ellis	Christian Education/Deacons
Class of 2016	Sharon Groves	Clerk/Welcome
Class of 2016	Mooneen Ringenberg	Mission/Welcome
Class of 2017	Karl Allen	Christian Education/Worship
Class of 2017	Carol Hearn	Congregational Life/Finance
Class of 2017	Dennis Toresdahl	Buildings/Grounds
Class of 2017	Barbara Armbruster	Congregational Life/Mission

PRAYER CONCERNS

Soldiers & Peacemakers – for their physical, mental, and spiritual health.

For a positive and faithful resolution to our broken immigration system.

All the unspoken prayer concerns.

Your prayers this week will give them the sustaining power we all need.
Please pray for them!

Margaret & Myles Agee – Health Concerns
Barbara Armbruster – Health Concerns
Helen Denman – Health Concerns
Toni (Jane Hosler's daughter) – Health Concerns
Toni (Wendy Mattias' friend) – Health Concerns
John Mello – Recovering from Surgery
Judy Miller – Recovering from Surgery
Doug Myers – Health Concerns
Margaret Polley (Linda's Jones' friend) – Health Concerns
Charles Sayers – Health Concerns
Hazel Schaff – Health Concerns
Dionicio Valenzuela (Alfonso's brother) – Health Concerns

Our Prayer Chain is always available – contact Phyllis Crouthers at 578-8369 or Anita Parsil at 578-2410. If unable to reach Phyllis or Anita, you can email the church office at office@holywaypc.org.