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

Isaiah 35:8

February 21, 2016
Second Sunday in Lent

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — WELCOME!

PRELUDE

INTROIT *We Gather Here in Jesus' Name* (vs. 2) Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 27)

LEADER: The LORD is my light and my salvation. Should I fear anyone?

PEOPLE: **The LORD is a fortress protecting my life. Should I be frightened of anything?**

LEADER: Hope in the LORD! Be Strong!

PEOPLE: **Let your heart take courage! Hope in the LORD!**

***HYMN** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #12

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You make a lot of promises, O God, and yet we confess that we sometimes don't believe them. It can feel like we're alone out here, and that we'd better take matters into our own hands. Your promise of abundant life, your promise of your presence, your promise of a future with hope – sometimes we just can't see how they can be true. And yet you call us to run this race, to hope in things we cannot see, to follow, though we do not know where you are going. Forgive us, Lord, for our insistence on certainty. Forgive our fearful hearts, our unwillingness to go into places we don't know, and our idolatry of self-reliance. Reveal to us again your loving presence, that we may grow to reflect your faithfulness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

A TIME OF GREETING

ANTHEM *River in Judea* 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. 77) Luke 13:31-35

HYMN *Son of God, Whose Heart is Peace* #425

SCRIPTURE (OT p. 12) Genesis 15:1-18

SERMON “Searching for Signs” Rev. Elizabeth Smith

OUR CARES AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER *Amen* #601

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY *Blessed Assurance* Al & Rosalie Baumrucker,
Phil Hollis & Joan Valenzuela

***DOXOLOGY** #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN** *The God of Abraham Praise* #49

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE

* Please stand if you are able.

Announcements & Opportunities
February 21, 2016

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

Isaiah 55:1-9
Luke 13:1-9

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 meets on Tuesday. You are invited to join us for coffee and homemade snacks in the Conference Room at 9:00 a.m. We are studying **2 Corinthians.**

Remember the church in your will

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‡ Ray is on vacation today. Rev. Elizabeth Smith will preach and lead worship and is available for any pastoral needs.

‡ **Today is the final day** to sign up to have your photo taken for the new photo directory! An additional day for photos has been added – Tuesday, March 1 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. If you are out of town or unavailable during the photos shoots over the next week, please be sure to email Elizabeth at esmith@holwaypc.org to discuss your options.

‡ **Serendipity** meets at 2:00 pm on Monday at Barbara Armbruster's house.

‡ The **Communion Training** for elders and deacons to bring communion to the homebound will Tuesday at 10:15 am.

‡ **Lunch & Games** will be on Wednesday at noon. Please come enjoy Barbeque Beef Sandwiches, Cole Slaw and Peach Cobbler.

‡ "**Final Words from the Cross**", will meet on Wednesday at 2:00 pm in the Conference Room.

‡ **Stephen Minister** training will meet on Thursday at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary.

‡ The **Congregational Life Outing** will meet at the church at 11:00 am on Thursday. After lunch we will go to the Yume Japanese Gardens at 2130 N. Alvernon for a tour at 1:00 pm with the woman who started the gardens. An exhibit of kimonos is included in the cost of admission, which is \$7 for seniors. **If you have questions or a suggestion for a good lunch place in the area of the gardens, please call Carol Hearn at 395-0381.**

‡ **Save the date! The 3rd Annual Holy Way Women's Retreat** will be held March 11th to March 13th, 2016, at the Amado Inn in Amado, (just south of Green Valley). The \$150 registration fee is due next Sunday. Please make your checks out to Holy Way and give to Gerry Pearson or Carol Hearn.

‡ Our **new church directory** will be done "in house". There will be no professional church directory service involved. Rev. Elizabeth Smith will be our photographer, church volunteers will receive your important data, we will use a subscription service to post the directory for online access, and publish "hard copies" on our own. This will be a cost savings, since your own photographs will also be made available to you without having to purchase expensive packages through a church directory business. However, there will be some costs to the church, for Elizabeth's additional time, for the publishing of the hard copies, and for the online subscription. If you would like to make a donation toward these costs, there will be a basket at the check-in table for your "photo shoot". We appreciate your enthusiastic involvement in our church, and your generous support! We hope ALL our church is represented: members and non-members, full and part time Tucson residents, Presbyterians and non-Presbyterians ...all are welcome!

‡ **Warming Up Sells!** Boxes are provided in the Ranch House for collecting warm clothes, blankets, and feminine personal hygiene products for the people who live in the Sells area. Your contributions are so appreciated! A special thanks to those who have already contributed!

CALENDAR

Sun.	Feb. 21	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School Ala-teen & Al-anon Meetings
Mon.	Feb. 22	9:30 am 10:30 am 2:00 pm	Yoga Monday Social Group Serendipity
Tue.	Feb. 23	9:00 am 10:15 am 4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Bible Study Communion Training Girl Scouts Al-anon Meeting
Wed.	Feb. 24	Noon 2:00 pm	Lunch & Games Lenten Class
Thur	Feb. 25	9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:15 pm	Stephen Ministry Training Congregational Life Outing to Japanese Gardens Bell Choir Al-anon Chancel Choir
Sun.	Feb. 28	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School Ala-teen & Al-Anon

SESSION

Class of 2016	Sherri Atleson	Cong. Life, Mission, Worship
Class of 2016	Dee Ellis	Admin., Christian Ed., Deacons
Class of 2016	Sharon Groves	Clerk, Nominating Committee
Class of 2016	Mooneen Ringenberg	Mission
Class of 2017	Karl Allen	Christian Education, Worship
Class of 2017	Barbara Armbruster	Congregational Life
Class of 2017	Carol Hearn	Cong. Life, Finance, Stewardship, Mission
Class of 2017	Dennis Toresdahl	Buildings & Grounds
Class of 2018	Tom Bernardo	Administration, Buildings & Grounds
Class of 2018	Ellen LaCroix	Mission
Class of 2018	Marcus Mattias	Christian Education
Class of 2018	Dudley Williams	Buildings & Grounds, Finance, Stewardship

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

All the unspoken prayer concerns.

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

Margaret Agee – Health Concerns
Lynn Allen – Health Concerns
Barbara Armbruster – Health Concerns
Rose Atcher (Mooneen’s Niece) – Health Concerns
Dick Canfield (Rich Marsch’s uncle) – Health Concerns
T.R. Ellis – Recovering from Broken Hip
Carol Hearn – Recovering from Knee Surgery
Jane Hosler’s Sister-in-Law, Rhoda – Health Concerns
Dave Malmberg – Health Concerns
Toni (Wendy Mattias’ friend) – Health Concerns
Doug Myers – Health Concerns
Lyle Olmstead – Health Concerns
Anita Parsil – Health Concerns
Betty Reichlein – Health Concerns
Charles Sayers – Health Concerns
Don Skinner – Health Concerns
Rodger Schumacher – Health Concerns
Ann Toresdahl – Recovering from Surgery
Anne Trueman – 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.