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

Isaiah 35:8

February 22, 2015

“At once the Spirit forced Jesus out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan.” Mark 1:12-13

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — WELCOME

PRELUDE *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*
arr. Lloyd Larson

INTROIT *All Creatures of Our God and King (vs.4)*
Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 25:1, 4-6 CEB)

LEADER: I offer my life to you, Lord.

PEOPLE: **Make your ways known to me, Lord; teach me your paths.**

LEADER: Lead me in in your truth – teach it to me – because you are the God who saves me. I put my hope in you all day long.

PEOPLE: **Lord, remember your compassion and faithful love – they are forever!**

***HYMN** *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* #331

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. More often than we care to admit, we find ourselves lost, living among people who don't know the way. Lost in life's storms, we seek Your shelter. Lost due to wrong turns, we seek a new path home. Lost through following unfaithful voices, we turn to hear Your voice.

Giver of steadfast love, forgive our broken promises and cleanse us from waves of guilt. May Your love restore peace and still the storms, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 Peter 3:18-22

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

A TIME OF GREETING

ANTHEM *A Tribute* 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 (OT p. 7) Genesis 9:8-17

HYMN *Standing on the Promises* #838

SCRIPTURE (NT p. 34-35) Mark 1:8-15

SERMON “Notices From Heaven” Karl Allen

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed p. 17

OUR CARES AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER *Amen* #601

MOMENT FOR MISSION Rosalie Baumrucker

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* arr. John Carter

***DOXOLOGY** #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** *I Love to Tell the Story* #462

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *On Eagle's Wings* arr. Douglas Wagner

* Please stand if you are able.

Announcements & Opportunities
February 22, 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	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Mark 8:31-38
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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

✦ **We welcome Karl Allen to our pulpit this morning!** Rev. Ed Parsil is available for any pastoral needs. Ray will be back from study leave next Sunday.

✦ Rosalie Baumrucker will present our **Moment for Mission** this morning.

- ✦ **Yoga** meets at 9:30am on Monday in the Ranch House.
- ✦ **Serendipity** meets at 2pm on Monday.
- ✦ **Girl Scouts** meet in the Ranch House on Tuesday at 2:30 pm.
- ✦ The **Writing Class** meets at 10:00 am on Wednesday in the Conference Room.
- ✦ **Lunch & Games** meets at noon on Wednesday. They will be serving chili and all the fixings – be sure to sign up!
- ✦ **Mortgage Update:** As of February 15th, we are \$1,329 from paying off our higher interest rate mortgage!
- ✦ The deadline for **March Newsletter submittals** is February 24th.
- ✦ **Next Sunday** we will celebrate the sacrament of communion and we invite non-perishable food items for Food Bank Sunday.
- ✦ 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, ***still 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).
- ✦ Mark your calendars for **Sunday, March 8th at 2:00 pm**, Kevin Sterner and his band will present "George Strait and Other Country Legends". General admission **tickets are on sale** this morning in the narthex and available at the church office during office hours for \$10. Come early for good seating!

CALENDAR			
Sun.	Feb. 22	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School Alateen & Al-anon Meetings
Mon.	Feb. 23	9:30 am 2:00 pm	Yoga Serendipity
Tue.	Feb. 24	2:30 pm 6:00 pm	No Bible Study Today Girl Scouts Al-anon Meeting
Wed.	Feb. 25	10:00 am Noon	Writing Class Lunch & Games
Thur.	Feb. 26	5:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:15 pm	Bell Choir AA Meeting Chancel Choir
Fri.	Feb. 27	9:00 am 1:00 pm	Holy Way Elves Women's AA Meeting
Sun.	Mar. 1	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School Communion and Food bank 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	Sherri 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.