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

*Isaiah 35:8*

March 29, 2015  
Palm Sunday

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*Isaiah 35:8, CEB*

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## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — WELCOME

**PRELUDE**                      *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*                      Bell Choir

**INTROIT**                      *In Christ There Is No East or West (vs. 3)*  
Chancel Choir

## CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 121)

**LEADER:** I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?

**PEOPLE:** **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

**LEADER:** He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

**PEOPLE:** **He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

**LEADER:** The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**PEOPLE:** **The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

**LEADER:** The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**PEOPLE:** **The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

\***HYMN**                      *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*                      #197

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, as we celebrate the many blessings we have received, we are just beginning to learn how their value grows as we give them away. We know love, while we live among isolated and bitter people. We know comfort, yet we live among hurting people, separated from compassionate hearts. While we know peace, so many are troubled and overburdened.

Lord, You call us to follow the Holy Way, not the safe nor the easy way. Send us, with our Savior's love, to those who live in empty, dark, or fearful places. May we offer the treasure we have found in believing in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

## A TIME OF GREETING

**ANTHEM**                      *Take Me to Higher Ground*                      Chancel Choir

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** (After the message, children entering the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger are invited to attend Sunday School in the Ranch House.)

**SCRIPTURE**                      (OT pg. 635-636)                      Isaiah 6:1-8

**HYMN**                      *Light Dawns on a Weary World*                      #79

## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESBYTERY PASTOR

**SCRIPTURE**                      (NT p. 47)                      Mark 10:46-52

**SERMON**                      "Presbyoptimism"

## HONORING REV. ED PARSIL

## OUR CARES AND CELEBRATIONS

## PASTORAL PRAYER

**LORD'S PRAYER**                      *Amen* #601

## OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

**OFFERTORY**                      *Take My Life and Let It Be*                      arr. Victor Labenske

\***DOXOLOGY**                      #606

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\***HYMN**                      *The Holy Way*                      (see insert)

## \*BENEDICTION

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

**POSTLUDE**                      *Doxology*

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Announcements & Opportunities**  
**March 29, 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.

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Next Sunday's Scripture Readings	Isaiah 25:6-9
	Mark 16:1-8

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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](http://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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‡ **We celebrate 30 years as a congregation in the Presbyterian Church (USA)!** God has blessed us richly; you, our congregation, embody those blessings. The flowers adorning our sanctuary this morning will be presented, after our service, to our two remaining charter members: Helen Denman and Charles Sayers.

‡ **Today we honor Rev. Ed Parsil,** who has served as our Parish Visitor for twenty years. Before that, Ed served as our "unofficial" interim pastor prior to Rev. Ray Thomas being called as our Pastor.

‡ **We welcome Rev. Brad Munroe,** Presbytery Pastor of both de Cristo and Grand Canyon Presbyteries, to our service today.

‡ **At the conclusion of our service today,** please join us in the garden for the burning of our \$300,000 loan from Presbyterian Investment and Loan. We will then go to the Ranch House for a light lunch.

‡ **Following the Mortgage Burning, Session** will have a meeting in the library of the Ranch House to approve new members. We will receive new members on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Let Ray know if you would like to join too!

‡ **Girl Scouts** meet in the Ranch House on Tuesday at 2:30 pm.

‡ **Writing Class** meets at 10:00 am on Wednesday.

‡ **Men's Breakfast** meets at Little Mexico Steakhouse at 8:00 am on Thursday, located on Valencia near Cardinal.

‡ **Ladies Lunch** meets on Thursday at noon at JJ Coopers.

‡ **Newsletter submittals** for the April newsletter are due in the Church office by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

‡ On **Maundy Thursday,** April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm, we will have a communion worship service, remembering Jesus' last meal with his disciples.

‡ On **Easter Sunday,** both our 6:00 am and 9:30 am services will be filled with wonderful music! The sunrise service will have solo presentations, as well as a piece by our quartet. At 9:30 am, our Chancel Choir will present three pieces from Handel's "Messiah". Communion will be served at both services and the One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be dedicated. Invite your friends and family to join you in worship of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ!

‡ The **Mission Committee** will meet next Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, at the home of Mooneen Ringenberg.

‡ **Dinner in the Ranch House** is scheduled for next Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>; we will be serving Pork Tenderloins and sweet potatoes and strawberry shortcake for dessert. Be sure to sign up! Following dinner, there will be a planning meeting for all who are interested in helping out at this summer's **Vacation Bible School.**

CALENDAR			
Sun.	Mar. 29	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School, Mortgage Burning and 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Session meets in Library Alateen & Al-anon Meetings
Mon.	Mar. 30	9:30 am	Yoga
Tue.	Mar. 31	9:00 am 2:30 pm 6:00 pm	Bible Study Girl Scouts Al-anon Meeting
Wed.	April 1	10:00 am	Writing Class
Thur.	April 2	8:00 am Noon 5:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Ladies Lunch @ JJ Coopers Bell Choir AA Meeting Chancel Choir Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Fri.	April 3	9:00 am 1:00 pm	Holy Way Elves Women's AA Meeting
Sun.	April 5	6:00 am 7:00 am 9:30 am 6:00 pm	Easter Sunrise Communion Service Easter Breakfast Easter Worship & Sunday School, Communion & Food Bank Sunday 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  
 Dick Canfield (Rich Marsch's uncle) – Health Concerns  
 Helen Denman – Health Concerns  
 Carol Hearn – Recovering from Knee Surgery  
 Mark (Jane Hosler's son) – Health Concerns  
 Toni (Jane Hosler's daughter) – Health Concerns  
 Lucinda Hughes-Juan – Death of her mother, Lillian  
 Toni (Wendy Mattias' friend) – Health Concerns  
 John Mello – Health Concerns  
 Judy Miller – Health Concerns  
 Doug Myers – Health Concerns  
 George Pike – Health Concerns  
 Margaret Polley (Linda's Jones' friend) – Health Concerns  
 Charles Sayers – Health Concerns  
 Hazel Schaff – Health Concerns  
 Linda Swibold – 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](mailto:office@holywaypc.org).