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

Isaiah 35:8

May 1, 2016
Sixth Sunday of Easter

“The city doesn’t need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because God’s glory is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.” Revelation 21:23

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — WELCOME

PRELUDE *Shall We Gather at the River* by Kurt Kaiser

INTROIT *O Holy City, Seen of John* Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 67:1-4)

LEADER: Let God grant us grace and bless us; let God make his face shine on us,

PEOPLE: **So that your way becomes known on earth, so that your salvation becomes known among all nations.**

LEADER: Let the people thank you, God! Let all the people thank you!

PEOPLE: **Let the people celebrate and shout with joy because you judge the nations fairly and guide all nations on the earth.**

***HYMN** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!* #363

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our Lord, God of truth and love, You reign in our Savior, Jesus Christ. Our joy in Jesus is dampened by the news of our world, by rampant injustice and human cruelty, by countless innocent people who needlessly suffer. We sing of Your triumph while we await its fulfillment. We confess that our hearts are frequently troubled and our thoughts are not immune to fear. We are hard pressed to embody Your peace. Where our understanding fails, may we trust Your peace which eclipses understanding. While we await Your Kingdom, may we live and trust in Your transforming reality, here, now, and always. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

A TIME OF GREETING

ANTHEM *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* 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. 109) John 14:23-29

HYMN *O Day of Peace* #373

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY *Rains on the Lake* by Melody Bober

***DOXOLOGY** #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE (NT p. 260) Revelation 21:22-22:5

SERMON “Face Time”

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
(Please hold the elements so all may partake together.)

OUR CARES AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER *Amen* #601

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

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE *God of Our Father* arr. Ron Boud

* Please stand if you are able.

Announcements & Opportunities
May 1, 2016

Welcome to our Worship Celebration this morning!

We worship every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. and offer Sunday School for school age 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	Revelation 22:12-14 John 17:20-26
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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, and you can **listen to 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 Romans.

Remember the church in your will

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- † This morning we will have a **Hymnsing** at 9:20 am.
- † Today, we will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion and welcome non-perishable contributions to our Food Bank.

† **Pastor Ray and Robin Thomas** invite you to join them for cake in the Ranch House following worship today, to celebrate the marriage of their daughter, Britney, to Ryan Dahm.

† **Animate: Practices** will meet on Tuesday at **10:30 am** in the Conference Room.

† **Stephen Minister** training will meet on Thursday at 9:00 am in the Conference Room.

† **Dinner in the Ranch House** (stuffed pork roast!) will be next Wednesday, May 11th at 6 pm. Be sure to sign up by next Sunday so we have enough food.

† **Our Sunday School teacher, Maggie Diggs,** will continue her teaching through the end of May. We are looking for a few folks who are willing to teach our Sunday School class on a rotating basis. Curriculum is available (in the narthex for you to preview) along with a sign-up sheet for upcoming Sundays, beginning June 5.

† **We are looking for one or two persons to serve** in the A/V Room on Sunday mornings. The tasks are relatively simple, yet important. Interested? See Ray.

† **Save the Date! Vacation Bible School will be June 6 -10, 2016.** Pre-registration will be May 1st - 15th. We hope your children will join us this summer for a week of learning and fun! Friends are always welcome. Want to help at VBS? Contact Ray or Kathy in the church office.

† We are glad to welcome Kathy Walsh as our new Administrative Assistant. We are grateful to Linda Jones for her 2+ years serving in that position.

CALENDAR

Sun.	May 1	9:20 am 9:30 am 6:00 pm	Hymnsing Worship & Sunday School Communion and Food Bank Sunday Cake with Britney & Ryan Alateen & Al-anon Meetings
Mon.	May 2	9:30 am	Yoga
Tue.	May 3	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Bible Study MSG / New Day! Animate:Practice Girl Scouts Al-anon Meeting
Thur.	May 5	9:00 am 5:30 pm 6:15 pm	Stephen Ministry Training AA Meeting Chancel Choir
Sun.	May 8	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School Alateen & 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, Mission
Class of 2017	Dennis Toresdahl	Buildings & Grounds
Class of 2018	Tom Bernardo	Admin./ Buildings & Grounds
Class of 2018	Ellen LaCroix	Mission
Class of 2018	Marcus Mattias	Christian Education
Class of 2018	Dudley Williams	Buildings & Grounds, Finance

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!

Lynn Allen – Health Concerns
 Dick Canfield (Rich Marsch's uncle) – Health Concerns
 T.R. Ellis – Health Concerns
 Julie Gonet – Health Concerns
 Dave Malmberg – Health Concerns
 Mary & Rich Marsch's son Bob – Health Concerns
 Wendy Mattias' friend, Toni – Health Concerns
 Doug Myers – Health Concerns
 Lyle Olmstead – Health Concerns
 Anita Parsil – Health Concerns
 Linda Richards – Health Concerns
 Charles Sayers – Health Concerns
 Rodger Schumacher – Health Concerns
 Ann Toresdahl – 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.