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

Isaiah 35:8

May 3, 2015
Fifth Sunday of Easter

“He trims any branch that produces fruit so that it will produce even more fruit.”
John 15:2

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — WELCOME

PRELUDE *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

***INTROIT** *I Danced in the Morning* Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 22:25, 28-31)

LEADER: I offer praise in the great congregation because of you; I will fulfill my promises in the presence of those who honor God.

PEOPLE: **Because the right to rule belongs to the Lord, he rules all nations.**

LEADER: Indeed, all the earth’s powerful will worship him; all who are descending to the dust will kneel before him; my being also lives for him.

PEOPLE: **Future generations will serve him; generations to come will be told about my Lord.**

UNISON: *They will proclaim God’s righteousness to those not yet born, telling them what God has done.*

***HYMN** *Lift High the Cross* #826

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, You invite us to Your table, to receive the bread of life and the cup of salvation. We turn to You for both life and salvation. Depleted and defeated, worn down and weary, we seek our Savior who fills us anew with goodness and love. We’ve dwelt too long in the shadows. We’ve carried, for too long, loads that are too much to bear. We open our souls to you: cleanse our sins and restore us in Your love.

Warm us with Your tender mercy that heals our wounds. Set us on the path that leads to joy, well-being, and everlasting life, in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

A TIME OF GREETING

ANTHEM *Christ has Risen While Earth Slumbers* 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 15:1-8

HYMN *My Life Flows On* #821

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY *How Great Thou Art*

***DOXOLOGY** #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE (NT p. 127) Acts 8:26-40

SERMON “The Root of the Matter”

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** *Give to the Winds Thy Fears* #815

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE *Lord of the Dance*

* Please stand if you are able.

Announcements & Opportunities
May 3, 2015

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.

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 the Book of Psalms.

Remember the church in your will

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- ✦ Today, we will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion and welcome non-perishable contributions to our Food Bank.
- ✦ The **Vacation Bible School** planning meeting will be after worship today in the Conference Room.
- ✦ The **Yoga** class meets at 9:30 am on Mondays in the Ranch House...don't forget your yoga mat.

- ✦ **Girl Scouts** meet in the Ranch House on Tuesdays at 2:30 pm.
- ✦ **Beginning Spanish** will be taught by Alfonso Valenzuela on Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the Conference Room. Class size is limited. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Ranch House for all interested in attending. If you have any questions, call Barbara Armbruster at (630) 232-4625.
- ✦ The **Memorial Service for Larry LaCroix** will be on Wednesday, at 7:00 pm in our sanctuary.
- ✦ **Men's Breakfast** is cancelled until this fall.
- ✦ **Ladies Lunch** will meet at JJ Coopers at noon on Thursday.
- ✦ **Women's AA** meetings on Friday at 1:00 pm is cancelled until this fall.
- ✦ Ray will be on vacation May 9-17th. Karl Allen will preach and lead worship on May 10th and Larry Biehl will do so on May 17th. Rev. Ed Parsil will be available for any pastoral needs.
- ✦ **Don't forget Dinner in the Ranch House**, on Wednesday, May 13th, at 6:00 pm. Beef and Chicken Enchiladas will be served with all the south of the border fixings. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Ranch House.
- ✦ **The May newsletter** is available on line or in printed form in the narthex.

PRAYER CONCERNS

| CALENDAR | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Sun. | May 3 | 9:30 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm | Worship & Sunday School Communion and Food Bank Sunday VBS Planning Meeting Ala-teen & Al-anon Meetings |
| Mon. | May 4 | 9:30 am | Yoga |
| Tue. | May 5 | 9:00 am 2:30 pm 6:00 pm | Bible Study Girl Scouts Al-anon Meeting |
| Wed. | May 6 | 7:00 pm | Memorial for Larry LaCroix |
| Thur. | May 7 | Noon 5:30 pm 6:15 pm | Ladies Lunch @ JJ Coopers AA Meeting Chancel Choir |
| Fri. | May 8 | 9:00 am | Holy Way Elves |
| Sun. | May 10 <i>Mother's Day</i> | 9:30 am 6:00 pm | Worship & Sunday School Ala-teen & Al-Anon |

SESSION

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| 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 |

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

Lynn Allen – Health Concerns

Barbara Armbruster – Health Concerns

Ginger Bergquist – Death of her mother

Dick Canfield (Rich Marsch's uncle) – Health Concerns

Carl Denman – Death of wife, Helen, on April 27th

Mark (Jane Hosler's son) – Health Concerns

Toni (Jane Hosler's daughter) – Health Concerns

Ellen LaCroix & Family – Death of husband, Larry, on April 22nd

Toni (Wendy Mattias' friend) – 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

Bill Seelow – Health Concerns

Wendy Taylor (Gerry Pearson's daughter) – Surgery on May 4th

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.