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And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called The Holy Way.
Isaiah 35:8

May 17, 2015
Seventh Sunday of Easter

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — WELCOME!

PRELUDE *Ask ye What Great Thing I Know* Bell Choir

INTROIT *I Danced in the Morning (vs. 3)* #157
Chancel Choir
Congregation sings Refrain

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Lift up your hearts, for we are sent to give witness of our Lord.

PEOPLE: **To tell of God’s forgiveness and mercy and power.**

LEADER: For we are not of the world, but sent to it as Christ was sent.

PEOPLE: **Sent to bring hope and life where once was only darkness and despair.**

LEADER: Let us lift our praises to God for Christ’s true message of love.

All: **Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

***HYMN** *God of Grace and God of Glory* #307

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, so often we get involved with the things of this world, and we forget Your purpose for us in it. We come to you, seldom asking for a change in our own character, only for a change of circumstances. Too often we get attached to what will not last and we forget eternity; or we see only the here and now. Awake us to the exciting adventure of hearing your prayer on our behalf, and receiving guidance from you. By your Spirit, help us break out of uncreative patterns of preconception and prejudice. Lord, forgive us and give us the strength to witness for You. In Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

A TIME OF GREETING

ANTHEM *O Holy City, Seen of John* 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 pg. 241) 1 John 5:9-13

HYMN *O Jesus, I Have Promised* #724

SCRIPTURE (NT p. 111) John 17:6-19

SERMON “Actions Speak Louder Than Words” Larry Biehl

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from A Declaration of Faith)

The Holy Spirit is God Active in the world. By the Spirit, God raised up leaders and prophets in Israel. By the Spirit, Jesus was conceived, baptized and empowered. By the Spirit, the risen Christ is present with his church. We affirm that the Holy Spirit is the Lord and Giver of life, the Renewer and Perfector of God’s people, the One who makes real in us what God has done for us. Amen

OUR CARES AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER *Amen* #601

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY *Now, on Land and Sea Descending* Bell Choir

***DOXOLOGY** #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* #546

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE *How Firm a Foundation* Early American Melody

* Please stand if you are able.

Announcements & Opportunities
May 17, 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

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Acts 2:1-21

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

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✦ We are glad to welcome Larry Biehl back to Holy Way this morning! Ray will be returning from vacation later today.

✦ **This afternoon at 3:00 pm, , we will celebrate the wedding of Ray Weathers and Barbara Duquette,** in our sanctuary. Ray and Barbara invite the congregation to the ceremony.

✦ **Book Club** meets at 2:00 pm on Monday.

✦ The **Finance Committee** meets on Tuesday at 10:15 am.

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

✦ **Session** meets at 6:00 pm on Tuesday.

✦ **Ladies lunch** meets at noon on Thursday at JJ Coopers.

✦ We will celebrate our children and the Sunday School program next Sunday on **Children's Day,** which is also Pentecost Sunday.

✦ The **Deacons** meet after worship next Sunday, at 10:30 am.

✦ **Vacation Bible School** will be June 8th to June 12th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. We are still looking for *energetic adult volunteers*; let Ray or Linda Jones know if you would like to help. All volunteers are asked to meet after worship in the conference room on **Sunday, May 31st,** to bring everyone up to date on what we have planned.

✦ You may notice there are already collection boxes in the Ranch House for **Warming up Sells.** We are starting early this year and will be accepting donations of coats, sweaters, gloves and hats, which will be distributed this fall. It's a good excuse to clean out the closets – anything you can give is most appreciated!

✦ The **Rummage Sale** already has many wonderful items stored in the barn. If you are interested in a free guided tour to examine our inventory, let Linda Jones know.

CALENDAR			
Sun.	May 17	9:30 am 3:00 pm 6:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School Ray Weathers & Barbara Duquette Wedding Ala-teen & Al-anon Meetings
Mon.	May 18	9:30 am 2:00 pm	Yoga Book Club
Tue.	May 19	9:00 am 10:15 am 2:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Bible Study Finance Committee Girl Scouts Al-anon Meeting Session
Wed.	May 20	10:00 am	Beginning Spanish
Thur.	May 21	Noon 5:30 pm	Ladies Lunch @ JJ Coopers AA Meeting
Fri.	May 22	9:00 am	Holy Way Elves
Sun.	May 24 <i>Children's Day</i>	9:30 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School Deacons Committee Ala-teen & 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
Lynn Allen – Health Concerns
Barbara Armbruster – Health Concerns
Ruthann Boyce – Health Concerns
Marcia Boyd – Health Concerns
Dick Canfield (Rich Marsch's uncle) – Health Concerns
Julie Gonet – Health Concerns
Mark (Jane Hosler's son) – Health Concerns
Toni (Wendy Mattias' friend) – Health Concerns
Doug Myers – Health Concerns
Margaret Polley (Linda's Jones' friend) – Health Concerns
Charles Sayers – Health Concerns
Hazel Schaff – Health Concerns
Bill Seelow – 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.