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Worship: *Sundays 9:30 a.m.*

Open Communion: *First Sunday of the Month During Worship*

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Ushers and Greeters

**Marianne Hamilton**

**George Hearn**

**Linda & Rich Swibold**

Worship Assistant

**Ruth Parsil**

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

*Isaiah 35:8*

*The Holy Way Presbyterian Church brings the good news of Jesus Christ to all God's people and faithfully follows the Lord's holy way.*

# THE HOLY WAY

**Presbyterian Church**



**Pastor Raymond S. Thomas**

**The Holy Way Presbyterian Church**

**4040 S. Bilbray Ave.**

**Tucson, AZ 85746**

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**A Stephen Ministry Congregation**

October 8, 2017

“When the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenant farmers?” Matthew 21:41

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — WELCOME!**

**PRELUDE** *In Christ Alone* arr. Larry Shackley

**\*INTROIT** *Here in This Place (Gather Us In)* (v. 2) #401

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 42:1-3,8)**

**LEADER:** Just like a deer that craves streams of water, my whole being craves you, God.

**PEOPLE:** **My whole being thirsts for God, for the living God. When will I come see God’s face?**

**LEADER:** My tears have been my food both day and night, as people constantly questioned me. “Where’s your God now?”

**PEOPLE:** **By day the Lord commands his faithful love; by night his song is with me—a prayer to the God of my life.**

**\*HYMN** *The Lord Is God* #63

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord God, we pray, on a daily basis, for our world to find and follow The Holy Way. Amidst too much violence, intensifying fear, flawed leaders, and avoidance of responsibility, we pray, as Your church, to follow The Holy Way. Strengthen our faith. Forgive our sins: thoughtless words, unkind acts, heartless judgements. Bless us with the tools to create pathways to peace and to open windows where light can overcome darkness. Lift our despair through Your persistent hope. Send us, Your servants, equipped with courage and galvanized by love for one another, to open wide, welcome entry into Your Holy Way, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

**A TIME OF GREETING**

**ANTHEM** Chancel Choir

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** (after the message, all children are invited to attend Sunday School in the Ranch House.)

**SCRIPTURE** (OT p. 66) Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

**HYMN** *I Will Come To You* #177

**SCRIPTURE** (NT p. 24) Matthew 21:33-46

**SERMON** “Testing the Elasticity”

**OUR CARES AND CELEBRATIONS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**LORD’S PRAYER** *Amen* #601

**OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

**OFFERTORY** *The Gift of Love* arr. John Carter

**\*DOXOLOGY** #606

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

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

# Calendar

## PRAYER CONCERNS



Sun.	Oct. 8	9:30 am After Worship  6:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School Worship Committee Mtg  Alanon/Alateen
Mon.	Oct. 9	6:00 pm	Mission Committee
Tues.	Oct. 10	9:00 am 10:15 am 11:15 am 2:00 pm 6:00 pm	Bible Study Finance/Stewardship Mtg Finance Plus Mtg In Home Bible Study Alanon
Wed.	Oct. 11	4:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Girl Scouts Nominating Committee Dinner in the Ranch House
Thurs.	Oct. 12	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	AA Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sun.	Oct. 15	9:30 am After Worship 6:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School Pop-Up Sunday School Alanon/ Alateen

### SESSION:

Class of 2017	Karl Allen	Christian Education, Worship
Class of 2017	Barbara Armbruster	Congregational Life
Class of 2017	Carol Hearn	Finance, Mission
Class of 2017	Dennis Toresdahl	Buildings & Grounds, Cong Life
Class of 2018	Tom Bernardo	Admin./ Buildings & Grounds
Class of 2018	Ellen LaCroix	Mission, Nominating
Class of 2018	Marcus Mattias	Christian Education
Class of 2018	Dudley Williams	Buildings & Grounds, Finance
Class of 2019	Phil Hollis	Admin, Finance, Nominating
Class of 2019	Marv Knittel	Worship, Deacons
Class of 2019	Marquita McCrone	Clerk
Class of 2019	Gerry Pearson	Cong. Life, Treasurer

Soldiers, Peacemakers, Police, & First-Responders – 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!

Barbara Armbruster – Health Concerns  
 Marci Cary (friend of Toni Rivers) – Health Concerns  
 Alex Diaz – Health Concerns  
 Julie Gonet – Health Concerns  
 Betty & Willis Iron's daughter-in-law, Roxanne – Health Concerns  
 Lila Jean Jensen (Joan Valenzuela's sister) – Health Concerns  
 Rachel (friend of Don Kimball) – Health Concerns  
 Wendy Mattias' friend, Toni – Health Concerns  
 June Meola – Health Concerns  
 Doug Myers – Health Concerns  
 Lyle Olmstead – Health Concerns  
 Laura Penton-Williams' daughter, Roma – Health Concerns  
 Larry Rawlings – Health Concerns  
 Betty Reichlein's son, Keith Gaston – Health Concerns  
 Mooneen Ringenberg – Health Concerns  
 Mooneen Ringenberg's daughter, Carol – Health Concerns  
 Janie Saxton – Health Concerns  
 Charles Sayers – Health Concerns  
 Judy Stauch (Rosalie Baumrucker's Sister) – Health Concerns  
 Kevin Sterner – 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](mailto:office@holywaypc.org).

# Announcements & Opportunities

October 8, 2017

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 for our upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

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Next Week's Scriptures:

Exodus 32:1-14

Matthew 22:1-14

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**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 **read our sermons** online at [www.holywaypc.org](http://www.holywaypc.org).

**\*\*\*Remember the church in your will\*\*\***

- † **Worship Committee** will meet today after worship.
- † **Mission Committee** will meet Monday, 6:00 p.m., at the home of Carol Hearn.
- † **The Finance/Stewardship Committee** will meet Tuesday, at 10:15 a.m. followed by the **Finance Plus Committee** at 11:15 a.m.

- † **In Home Bible Study** (formerly Serendipity) will meet Tuesday, 2:00 p.m., at the home of Barbara Locke (2381 S Western Way Place).
- † **The Nominating Committee** will meet Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.
- † **Dinner in the Ranch House** is Wednesday, at 6:00 p.m. This month we are having Polynesian Chicken, salad, rolls, and pumpkin bars! Sign up in the Ranch House today! (\$10 suggested donation).
- † **Pop-Up Sunday School** will be next Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Please join Elizabeth in the Ranch House after worship to learn how to use the new Holy Way website (debuting soon)! She will walk us through the pages so we can maximize its potential and stay better connected through it!
- † **The Board of Deacons** will meet next Tuesday, October 17, at 1:00 p.m.
- † **The Session** will meet next Tuesday, October 17, at 6 p.m.
- † **Our four-week book study** of Waking Up White, by Debby Irving, begins next Wednesday, at 6:00 p.m.
- † **Have you discovered your new church home** at Holy Way? Thinking about making your relationship with our church “official”? We would be glad to have you join us! Our next New Members Class will be in two weeks: Sunday, October 22, after worship.