

# *The Holy Way Presbyterian Church*



*“When Jesus saw her, he called her over. “Woman, you’re free!”  
He laid hands on her and suddenly she was standing straight and tall,  
giving glory to God.”*

*Luke 13:12*

***August 24, 2025***

***Rev. Elizabeth Lyman – Pastor***

## **Welcome to Worship**

### **Announcements**

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

*(...singing Happy Birthday, God Loves You!)*

**\*Call to Worship** (from Psalm 71)

*Jesus Jacquez*

One: Please Stand in body or in spirit for the Call to Worship.

In you, O God, we seek refuge;

**All: In Your justice, deliver us.**

Be a rock of refuge for us,

**All: a strong fortress, because You are our rock and fortress.**

For you, O Lord, are our hope and trust.

**All: Our praise is continually of You**

**\*Opening Hymn # 700**    *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

### **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**O God, our creator, sustainer and redeemer, we confess our feelings of exile and alienation, and we wonder where you are. We fear your absence when, in fact, you are most present to us. Restore in us a sense of your comfort and care. Renew our strength so that we might realize our calling as disciples of Jesus. Amen.**

### **A Time of Silence**

*[Please take this time in silence to offer your own prayers of confession—confessing your need for God and naming those barriers that keep you from knowing life as God's beloved child.]*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

### **\*Passing of the Peace**

Since God has made peace with us, let us make peace with each other.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with each other)*

### **Celebrations, Joys and Concerns**

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our Prayer.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer...**

**Our Offerings to God**

**Offertory Music**

**\*Doxology (607)**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Christ, all people here below;*

*Praise Holy Spirit evermore;*

*Praise Triune God, Whom we adore. Amen*

**Offering Prayer**

**O God, we give you thanks for the gifts of creation, and for the gift of life itself. We dedicate our resources to you, trusting and hoping that they will build up your work in our world. Amen.**

**Prayer for Illumination**

*Jesus Jacquez*

O God, open our hearts by the power of your Holy Spirit so that the words of Scripture that we hear this day may become your Word that empowers our lives in this time and place. Amen.

**Scripture**    **Isaiah 58:6-14**    **The Message**    *Jesus Jacquez*

“This is the kind of fast day I’m after:  
to break the chains of injustice,  
get rid of exploitation in the workplace,  
free the oppressed,  
cancel debts.

What I’m interested in seeing you do is:  
sharing your food with the hungry,  
inviting the homeless poor into your homes,  
putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad,  
being available to your own families.

Do this and the lights will turn on,  
and your lives will turn around at once.

Your righteousness will pave your way.  
The God of glory will secure your passage.

Then when you pray, God will answer.  
You’ll call out for help and I’ll say, ‘Here I am.’

“If you get rid of unfair practices,  
quit blaming victims,  
quit gossiping about other people’s sins,

If you are generous with the hungry  
and start giving yourselves to the down-and-out,

Your lives will begin to glow in the darkness,  
your shadowed lives will be bathed in sunlight.

I will always show you where to go.  
I’ll give you a full life in the emptiest of places—  
firm muscles, strong bones.

You'll be like a well-watered garden,  
a gurgling spring that never runs dry.  
You'll use the old rubble of past lives to build anew,  
rebuild the foundations from out of your past.  
You'll be known as those who can fix anything,  
restore old ruins, rebuild and renovate,  
make the community livable again.  
"If you watch your step on the Sabbath  
and don't use my holy day for personal advantage,  
If you treat the Sabbath as a day of joy,  
God's holy day as a celebration,  
If you honor it by refusing 'business as usual,'  
making money, running here and there—  
Then you'll be free to enjoy God!  
Oh, I'll make you ride high and soar above it all.  
I'll make you feast on the inheritance of your ancestor Jacob."  
Yes! God says so!

## **Anthem**

### **Scripture Luke 13:10-17 (The Message)**

Jesus was teaching in one of the meeting places on the Sabbath. There was a woman present, so twisted and bent over that she couldn't even look up. She had been afflicted with this for eighteen years. When Jesus saw her, he called her over. "Woman, you're free!" He laid hands on her and suddenly she was standing straight and tall, giving glory to God.

The synagogue president, furious because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the congregation, "Six days have been defined as workdays. Come on one of the six if you want to be healed, but not on the seventh, the Sabbath."

But Jesus shot back, “You frauds! Each Sabbath every one of you regularly unties your cow or donkey from its stall, leads it out for water, and thinks nothing of it. So why isn’t it all right for me to untie this daughter of Abraham and lead her from the stall where Satan has had her tied these eighteen years?”

When Jesus put it that way, his critics were left looking quite silly and red-faced. The congregation was delighted and cheered him on.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Message**

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

**\*Sending Hymn #456** *Listen, God Is Calling (Judy to lead Swahili verse)*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Song: Let There be Peace on Earth**

<i>Let there be peace on earth</i>	<i>Let peace begin with me,</i>
<i>And let it begin with me.</i>	<i>Let this be the moment now.</i>
<i>Let there be peace on earth</i>	<i>With ev'ry step I take</i>
<i>The peace that was meant to be.</i>	<i>Let this be my solemn vow;</i>
<i>With God as our Father</i>	<i>To take each moment and live</i>
<i>Christians all are we.</i>	<i>Each moment in peace eternally.</i>
<i>Let us walk with each other</i>	<i>Let there be peace on earth</i>
<i>In perfect harmony.</i>	<i>And let it begin with me.</i>

**Postlude:**

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit*

## **Announcements:**

*\*There is no bible Study in August. We will resume on September 9, 2025.*



Please join us for an ***All Church Potluck***  
**This Saturday, August 30, 12:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

It will be at the Copper Crest Clubhouse  
(770 West Bopp Rd).

Directions from The Holy Way: Left on Ajo, Right on Kinney  
Rd, Left on W Bopp Rd, Right into Copper Crest

We will have full use of the kitchen and there are plenty of  
electrical outlets. Questions? Call Dee Ellis (520) 270-8367

We hope to see everyone there!

**We do need volunteers to help set up and clean up to  
make this experience run smoothly. Please sign up  
TODAY so we know we can count on you!!**

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

# 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)  
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 (an - y - time!)  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)  
 work so (work so)  
 pray so (pray so)  
 sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 (an - y - time!)  
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

TEXT: African American spiritual

MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Wendell P. Whalum, 1984

Music Arr. © Estate of Wendell P. Whalum

I'M GONNA LIVE

Irregular



## Listen, God Is Calling

456

*Neno lake Mungu**Refrain*

*Leader* *All*

Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,  
Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,

of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.  
ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.

*Leader* *All*

1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news  
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.  
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

*Leader* *All* *to Refrain*

that he came to save us and set us free.  
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.  
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

This anonymous Swahili hymn from Kenya follows a pattern of traditional African music (refrain, call-and-response stanzas, refrain) also common in African American spirituals. This text affirms that God's inviting and forgiving call can still be heard through the written Word.