

The Holy Way Presbyterian Church



*"The encounter with Christ in communion transforms us
into bearers of peace and hope."*

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

August 3, 2025

The Sacrament of Communion

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman – Pastor

Welcome to Worship

Announcements

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Ray Weathers

(...singing Happy Birthday, God Loves You!) If you would like to participate in our tradition of celebrating your birthday or anniversary by giving money towards church improvements, music department, or children's ministry, please waive your hand, or stand up and your donation will be received in the basket!

***Call to Worship (Psalm 29, adapted)**

Joan Valenzuela

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

Leader: Let us praise the God of glory and of strength.

All: Let us worship the God of grace.

Leader: For the voice of God goes out across all the earth.

All: And in God's temple all the people say, "Glory!"

***Opening Prayer**

***Opening Hymn #526 - Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**

Call to Confession

One: There is no one who knows God's fullness or rests completely in God's grace.

All: Therefore, let us approach God's throne together.

One: Let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Find in us, we pray, the pockets of resistance and patches of coldness that keep us closed to your movement among us. Root them out and open us that we may be agents of your grace and channels of your love. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.

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

Lord, we come before you with humble hearts, offering what we can. May these gifts be pleasing in your sight and used to further your kingdom. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination:*Joan Valenzuela*

Let us pray. Gracious One, be in our words and in our understanding. Be in our hearts and in the love we bring. Be in our lives and set us to praise, we pray. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Acts 16:11-15*Joan Valenzuela*

We therefore set sail from Troas and eventually came to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Anthem**Scripture Acts 18:1-4**

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he found a Jew named Aquila from Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together— by trade they were tentmakers. Every Sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Message*Rev. Elizabeth Lyman****Affirmation of Faith**

I believe in God, who places joy in our souls, dancing in our toes and songs in our hearts. I believe God wanted gladness to flow like a river and so created a bountiful earth with plenty for all to share.

I believe in Jesus, who turned water into wine, partied with outcasts and sinners, and touched the broken so they could leap and dance. I believe Jesus opened the doors and set an extra place so we could feast.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who prompts us to smile, who sends us invitations to come and dine, who nudges us to openness and tenderness. I believe the Spirit is present every time we gather to break bread and is always urging us to live joyfully and walk hopefully.

Forever, I will live in the embrace of God and be a witness to resurrection joy.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

Prayer of Invocation and Thanksgiving

Gracious God, may your Spirit give strength to all your people as they work and witness in your world. Unite us in your truth and love, and help us to show your love to others. We pray for the church, for all Christians everywhere.

All: God of love, grant our prayer.

We pray for all people, for places where there is war or famine or natural disaster.

All: God of love, grant our prayer.

God our creator, help everyone to share the good gifts that you have given to us. May those who lead the nations of the world be given wisdom.

All: God of love, grant our prayer.

We pray for our community and for all who live and work in this area.

All: God of love, grant our prayer.

God our friend, we pray for our families and friends. May we be able to help each other just as you love and help us.

All: God of love, grant our prayer.

We pray for those in need, for sick people, for those in hospital, and for those with any other problems.

All: God of love, grant our prayer.

Compassionate God, give your strength and healing to all those who are sad, lonely, or sick. And bless those who try and help them.

All: God of love, grant our prayer.

God of Learning, be with our teachers and students as they head back to school.

All: God of love, grant our prayer.

We pray for ourselves - all that we will do this week, and all those we will meet. Loving God, we give this week into your hands. Be with us in all that we will do, may we enjoy this week and learn and grow in it.

All: God of love, grant our prayer.

We thank you for this communion, that the love that beams forth from it reflect in our lives. We thank you for your very presence in this meal and in all the ways you nurture us.

All: God of love, grant our prayer.

We pray as Jesus taught us...**Our Father...**

Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(All are welcome to receive communion. We serve grape juice instead of wine and offer gluten free alternatives so that all may partake. Please hold the elements until all are served and we take communion together. We sing " Let us Break Bread Together" as we are served communion.

Prayer after Communion

All: We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ, for the gifts of grace we have received from your hand. Now send us forth to reflect your light, proclaiming your saving death and resurrection, until you come again in glory.

Sending Hymn #634 – *To God be the Glory

***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>

****Please stand in body or in spirit***

Announcements:

**Today, we have refreshments after worship to celebrate Pastor Elizabeth's Birthday! Happy Birthday Pastor!!!*

**We are collecting school supplies for Altar Valley Schools. (Lined notebook paper, Xerox paper, pencils, markers, colored pencils, rulers, crayons, pencil sharpeners, spiral notebooks, etc.) There is a collection bin in the Ranch House.*

**You can still make a pledge towards the Jim Kinion HVAC Memorial Fund. So far, \$34,970.00 has been pledged towards our \$75,000.00 goal and \$17,570.00 has been received towards those pledges.*

**We will be holding a Defibrillator Instruction and First Aid Class on Wednesday, August 13th from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Please tell all your friends and neighbors. Everyone is invited to this free and informative seminar.*

Directory Update:

Please update your Church Directory with Barbara Armbruster's new address:

*14 S. Azurite Dr
Tucson, AZ 85745*

Karl Allen: The number listed (520-578-4017) is no longer a working number. His cell listed is correct: 520-306-0822

*Marianne Hamilton has moved to:
2101 S Double Circle Dr.
Tucson, AZ 85713*

LORD'S SUPPER

526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Maracas and other rhythm instruments may be used. ||: ♩. ♩. ♩ :||

This "communion calypso" (as the author called it) affirms the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians. Because this text was written to fit a pre-existing tune, it has a rather telegraphic style that encourages pondering.

ADORATION

634 To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

ADORATION

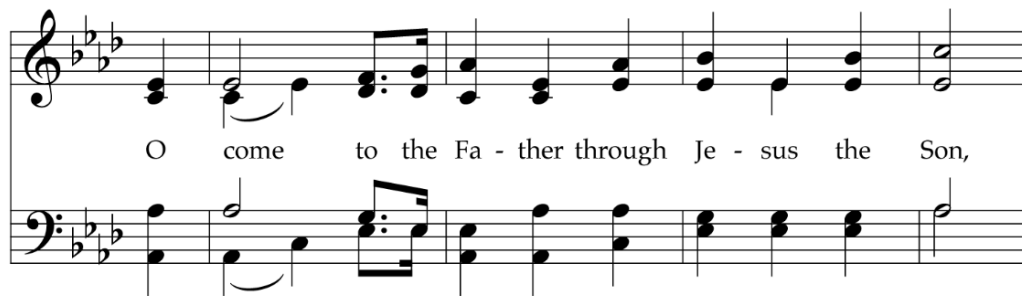
Refrain



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!



O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,



and give him the glory: great things he has done!