

The Holy Way Presbyterian Church



July 27, 2025

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Welcome to Worship

Announcements

Moment for Mission with Joe Riegert

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**

Paulette Johnson

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

With open hands,

All: With open doors,

One: The church of Jesus Christ is ready:

All: Ready to welcome us,

One: To gather us in,

All: To lift our spirits and

One: Lighten our grief,

All: To double our joy

One: And deepen our awe.

All: Open hands, open arms.

One: Come in. Welcome home!

***Opening Prayer**

***Opening Hymn #401 – Here in This Place**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. 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.**

A Prayer for Teachers

Dear Lord of all Learning, Grant our teachers an abundance of Your wisdom. Prepare their hearts to welcome and love our loved ones, and may we make sure to show them love and respect in return. Give them grace as they help students who aren’t thriving, courage to say what needs to be said, tools and knowledge on how and when to speak love, and strength when they feel weak. When they feel unseen, remind them that no moment goes unnoticed. They are shaping the future in one million small - yet incredibly important - ways every day. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the gift of learning they share with our children. Bless them,

Lord, and may they see even just a glimpse of how their faithfulness will forever impact generations to come. Amen

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

Christ Jesus, touch us deeply in our worship. Touch and embrace our lives. Move our lives to generosity and service. Strengthen our faith and direct us into ministries and service for those in great need. Rededicate our lives and bless our gifts, and may our offerings help to renew your church and meet the urgent needs of the day. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Paulette Johnson

O God, your Word is more precious than fine gold, and sweeter than the purest honey. As we turn to your Scripture, send your Holy Spirit to infuse your Word with truth and grace — so that the good news of your love would shine before our eyes and delight our senses, so that we cannot help but respond with wonder, faith and trust. Amen.

Scripture Amos 9:11-15

Paulette Johnson

The Restoration of David's Kingdom

The Lord said, "On that day I will raise up
the booth of David that is fallen

and repair its breaches
and raise up its ruins
and rebuild it as in the days of old,
in order that they may possess the remnant of Edom
and all the nations who are called by my name,
says the Lord who does this.

The time is surely coming,” says the Lord,
“when the one who plows shall catch up with the one who reaps
and the treader of grapes with the one who sows the seed;
the mountains shall drip sweet wine,
and all the hills shall flow with it.

I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel,
and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine,
and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.

I will plant them upon their land,
and they shall never again be plucked up
out of the land that I have given them,”
says the Lord your God.

Anthem *Come, Let Us Join*

Scripture **Acts 15:1-18**

Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the gentiles and brought great joy to all

the brothers and sisters. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, “It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses.”

The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us, and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”

The whole assembly kept silence and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the gentiles. After they finished speaking, James replied, “My brothers, listen to me. Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name. his agrees with the words of the prophet Amos, as it is written,

‘After this I will return,

and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen;

from its ruins I will rebuild it, and I will set it up,

so that all other peoples may seek the Lord—

even all the gentiles over whom my name has been called.

Thus says the Lord, who has been making these things known from long ago.’

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Message

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

***Sending Hymn #267** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

***Benediction**

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

*Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father
Christians all are we.
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me,
Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with*

Postlude:

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

Announcements:

**Deacons will meet after worship today in the back classroom.*

**The Finance Committee will meet this Tuesday, July 29, at 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.*

**Next Sunday, August 3, we will have refreshments in the Ranch House to celebrate Pastor Elizabeth's Birthday! Feel free to bring whatever you would like to share.*

**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*

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



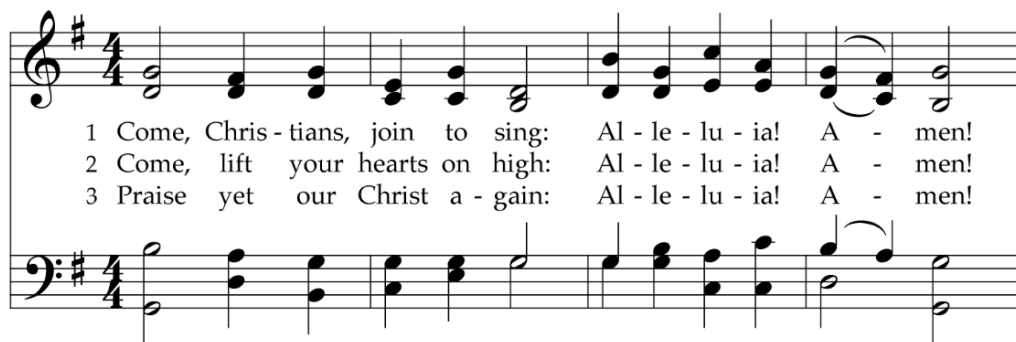
blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



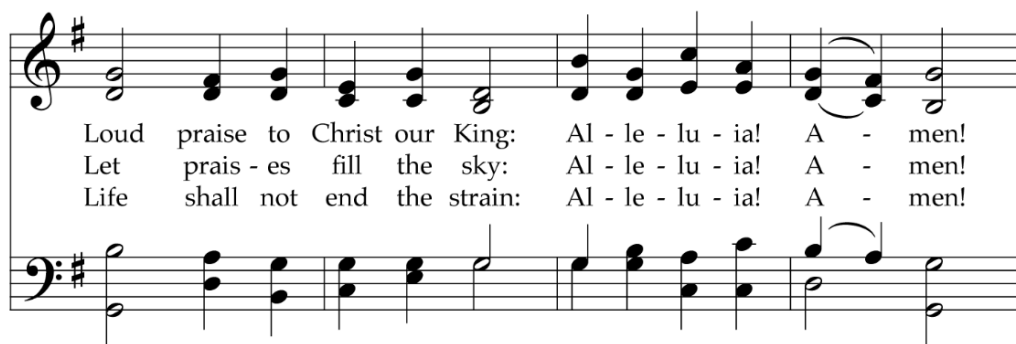
we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

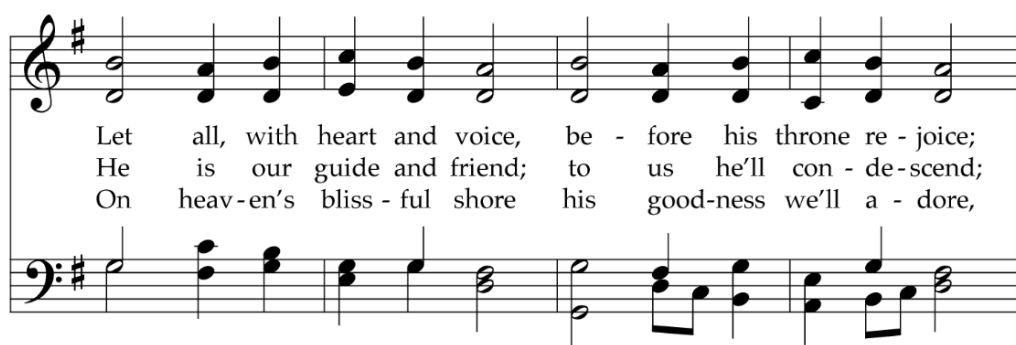
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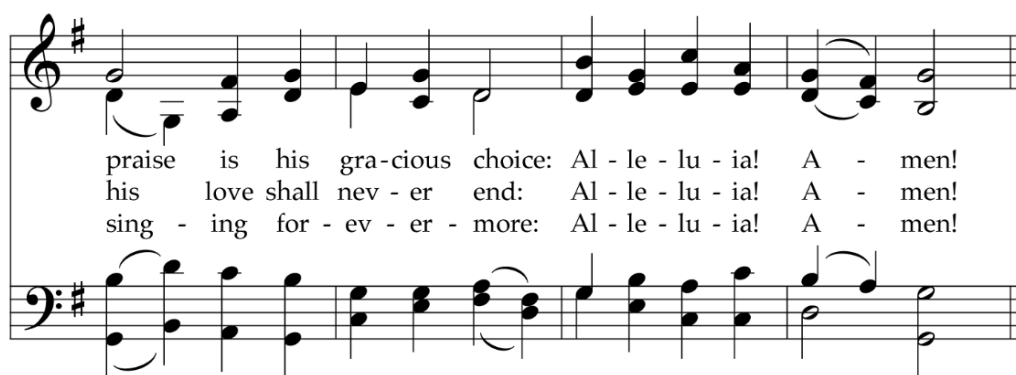
1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.