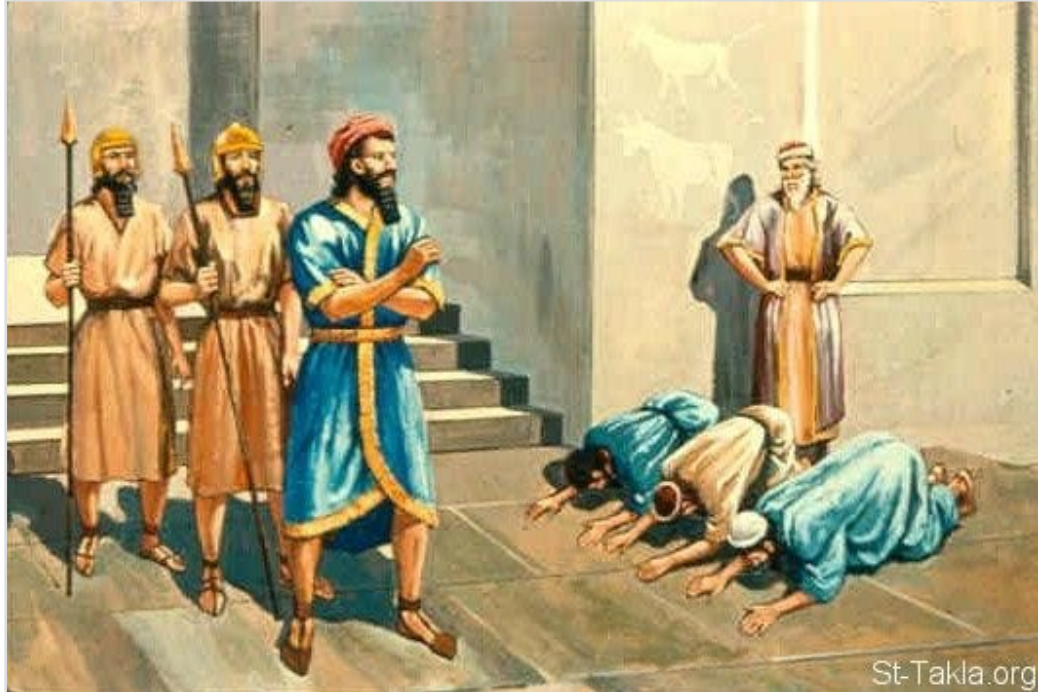


# The Holy Way Presbyterian Church



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**May 7, 2023 9:30am  
*“God Uses Unlikely People For Good”***

**Mask wearing is optional  
Please make the decision that is right for you.**

**Welcome to Worship:  
Announcements  
Opening Prayer**

Rev . Tina Salvaneschi

**Call To Worship:  
The Apostles Creed**

Janet San Nicholas

*I believe*

**I awaken to**

*Jesus Christ*

**the one who walked our earth  
and whose God-light shone through**

*God's only son*

**the one whose life came from the very life of God**

*our Lord*

**our guide, our teacher, our friend**

*who was conceived by the Holy Spirit*

**whose life was an intent of God's creative imagination**

*born of the Virgin Mary*

**who sang love's song at his beginning and was blessed**

*suffered under Pontius Pilate*

**rejected by the powers of the world**

*was crucified*

**executed by those same powers**

*died*

**sharing the same death of us all**

*and was buried*

**love had been killed**

*he descended to the dead*

**and they thought this the end**

*but on the third day*

**nothing could contain, bind or hold the life Jesus began**

*he rose again*

**and the story continues to be believed**

**of renewal, transformation and life again.**

*I believe in*

**I awaken to**

**Jesus**

**Opening Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Hymn 39)**

Bill Boals

**Birthday's and Anniversaries**

Stephen Levine

## Sing Happy Birthday/Anniversary

Bill Boals

If you want to participate in our tradition of celebrating your birthday or anniversary by giving money towards church building, renovation, improvement, sound systems, just waive your hand, or stand up and Pastor Tina will receive it in the basket!

### Celebrations, Joys and Concerns

Rev. Tina Salvaneschi

The People of the Congregation Share Joys and Concerns  
(Someone will bring the microphone around)

### ...The Lord's Prayer

**People:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

### Anthem: *O Radiant Light, O Son Divine (Hymn 671)*

Ensemble

### Tithes and Offering: Prayer

Rev. Tina Salvaneschi

(Option: Place you index card with a private prayer for Pastor)  
(Option: write on index card a word or two what giving to God means to you place index cards in plate)

### Offertory Music:

Dr. Astrid Chan

### Doxology: *(Hymn #606)*

Congregation

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### Scripture Reading:

Janet San Nicholas

### Esther Chapter 3:1-13

1 After these things, King Ahasuerus promoted Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him and set his seat above all the princes who were with him. 2 And all the king's servants who were within the king's gate bowed and paid homage to Haman, for so the king had commanded concerning him. But Mordecai would not bow or pay homage. 3 Then the king's servants who were within the king's gate said to Mordecai, "Why do you transgress the king's

command?" **4** Now it happened, when they spoke to him daily and he would not listen to them, that they told *it* to Haman, to see whether Mordecai's words would stand; for *Mordecai* had told them that he *was* a Jew. **5** When Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow or pay him homage, Haman was filled with wrath. **6** But he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone, for they had told him of the people of Mordecai. Instead, Haman sought to destroy all the Jews who *were* throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus—the people of Mordecai.

**7** In the first month, which is the month of Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, they cast Pur (that *is*, the lot), before Haman to determine the day and the month, until *it fell on the twelfth month*, which *is* the month of Adar.

**8** Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, "There is a certain people scattered and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws *are* different from all *other* people's, and they do not keep the king's laws. Therefore *it is* not fitting for the king to let them remain. **9** If it pleases the king, let *a decree* be written that they be destroyed, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who do the work, to bring *it* into the king's treasuries."

**10** So the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews. **11** And the king said to Haman, "The money and the people *are* given to you, to do with them as seems good to you."

**12** Then the king's scribes were called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and *a decree* was written according to all that Haman commanded—to the king's satraps, to the governors who *were* over each province, to the officials of all people, to every province according to its script, and to every people in their language. In the name of King Ahasuerus it was written, and sealed with the king's signet ring. **13** And the letters were sent by couriers into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all the Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, on the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth month, which *is* the month of Adar, and to plunder their possessions.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be To God.**

**Message:** "*A Decree of Hate*"

Rev. Tina Salvaneschi

**Words of Institution:**

Rev. Tina Salvaneschi

*(Ushers will bring elements to your seats, we will partake together. Everyone is welcome to participate in the Lords Supper.)*

**Ushers:** Tina & Larry Breuer, Barbara & Ray Weathers

**Communion Music:** *Let Us Break Bread Together (Hymn #525)*  
Ensemble

**Sending Hymn:** *How Great Thou Art (Oh Lord My God)*  
Bill Boals

**Benediction:** Rev. Tina Salvaneschi

**Song:** *Let There Be Peace On Earth* Congregation

**Postlude:** Dr. Astrid Chan

**Following our Sunday Worship Service, please join us at**

***Golden Corral Restaurant*** for Breakfast or Lunch

6385 S. Midvale Park Road

Please see Bill Boals with questions

**Stay Connected During the Week!**

***“Sermon Debrief Bible Study”***

Tuesday 10:00am! Also available Zoom

Come and meet live in the Ranch House at 10:00am.

This is a great way to get to Fellowship, wrestle with questions about Sunday’s sermon, ponder the meaning of God’s Word, and discover how Scriptures can transform our lives today. This is led by Pastor Tina and is interactive and often there are donuts! Come join the live class if you are able!

## Great is Thy Faithfulness (Hymn 39)

**Verse 1** Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

### **Refrain:**

Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

**Verse 2** Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.  
(Refrain)

**Verse 3** Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
(Refrain)

## 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 every 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 me