

# The Holy Way Presbyterian Church



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**April 30, 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:**

Don Kimball

Leader: Read from Psalm 118

**People: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for *He is good!*  
For His mercy *endures* forever.**

Leader: 2 Let Israel now say,  
“His mercy *endures* forever.”

3 Let the house of Aaron now say,  
“His mercy *endures* forever.”

4 Let those who fear the Lord now say,  
“His mercy *endures* forever.”

5 I called on the Lord in distress;  
The Lord answered me *and set me* in a broad place.

6 The Lord *is* on my side;  
I will not fear.

**People: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for *He is good!*  
For His mercy *endures* forever.  
Amen**

**Opening Hymn: Seek Ye First (Hymn 175)**

Terry Saxton

**Birthday's and Anniversaries  
Sing Happy Birthday/Anniversary**

Stephen Levine  
Terry Saxton

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:** *The Law Of The Lord*

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:**  
**Esther 2:1-13, 16-18**

Don Kimball

**2** After these things, when the wrath of King Ahasuerus (**A-hah-sur-us**) he remembered Vashti, what she had done, and what had been decreed against her. **2** Then the king's servants who attended him said: "Let beautiful young virgins be sought for the king; **3**...And let beauty preparations be given *them*. **4** Then let the young woman who pleases the king be queen instead of Vashti." This thing pleased the king, and he did so.

**5** In Shushan the citadel there was a certain Jew whose name *was* Mordecai the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite. **6** *Kish* had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captives who had been captured with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away. **7** And *Mordecai* had brought up Hadassah, that *is*, Esther, his uncle's daughter, for she had neither father nor mother. The young woman *was* lovely and beautiful. When her father and mother died, Mordecai took her as his own daughter.

**8** So it was, when the king's command and decree were heard, and when many young women were gathered at Shushan the citadel, *under* the custody of Hegai,

that Esther also was taken to the king's palace. **9** Now the young woman pleased him, and she obtained his favor; so he readily gave beauty preparations to her, besides her allowance. Then seven choice maidservants were provided for Esther from the king's palace, and he moved her and her maidservants to the best *place* in the house of the women.

**10** Esther had not revealed her people or family, for Mordecai had told her not to reveal *it*. **11** And every day Mordecai paced in front of the court of the women's quarters, to learn of Esther's welfare and what was happening to her.

**12** Each young woman's turn came to go in to King Ahasuerus (**A-hah-sur-us**) she had completed twelve months' preparation, six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with perfumes and preparations for beautifying women.

**13** ...And Esther obtained favor in the sight of all who saw her. **16** So Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus, into his royal palace, in the tenth month, which *is* the month of Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign. **17** The king loved Esther more than all the *other* women, and she obtained grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins; so he set the royal crown upon her head and made her queen instead of Vashti. **18** Then the king made a great feast, the Feast of Esther, for all his officials and servants; and he proclaimed a holiday in the provinces and gave gifts according to the generosity of a king.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be To God.**

**Message:** *"Esther Becomes Queen"*

Rev. Tina Salvaneschi

**Sending Hymn:** *I, The Lord of Sea and Sky (Hymn 69)*

Terry Saxton

**Benediction:**

Rev. Tina Salvaneschi

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

Congregation

**Postlude:**

Dr. Astrid Chan

**Following Service this Morning, Please join us for coffee  
And refreshments in the Ranch House**

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!

## Thine is the glory (Hymn 175)

**Verse 1** Thine is the glory,  
risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.

### **Refrain:**

Thine is the glory,  
risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.

**Verse 2** Lo! Jesus meets us,  
risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us,  
scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)

**Verse 3** No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee;  
aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above. (Refrain)

## I, the Lord of sea and sky, (Hymn 69)

**Verse 1** I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

### **Refrain:**

Here I am, Lord.  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

**Verse 2** I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
(Refrain)

**Verse 3** I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
(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