

The Holy Way Presbyterian Church



"Sometimes the Lord calms the storm.

Sometimes the Lord lets the storm rage and calms His child."

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***November 24, 2024 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Elizabeth Lyman***

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

Announcements

Announce Birthdays and Anniversaries Marcel Eisma
Sing Happy Birthday/Anniversary

If you would like to participate in our tradition of celebrating your birthday or anniversary by giving money towards the 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 149:1-4 from the translation, The Message*)

One: Please stand, if you are able, for the Call to Worship

Hallelujah! Sing to God a brand-new song,

praise God in the company of all who love God.

All: Let all Israel celebrate their Sovereign Creator,

Zion's children exult in their King.

One: Let them praise God's name in dance;

strike up the band and make great music!

All: And why? Because God delights in God's people,

adorns plain folk with salvation garlands!

One: Come, Let us Worship the Lord!

***Opening Prayer**

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***Opening Hymn:** *Now Thank We All Our God* (Hymn #643)

Celebrations, Joys and Concerns Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

The People of the Congregation Share Joys and Concerns

(Someone will bring the microphone to you)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

... Finally, hear us pray the prayer Christ taught us, saying, "Our Father...

***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)

Our offerings to God

Offertory Music:

Astrid Chan

***Doxology:** *(Hymn #607)*

Congregation

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**

All: Holy One, we pray that you take these gifts of our labor, our wealth, our time, and our lives and use them to express your everlasting kingdom of love in this world. Amen

Prayer for Illumination *(adapted from Psalm 19:14)* Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

Holy Spirit, we pray that you enter into the hearts, minds, and souls of those who hear these words of Scripture. Illuminate the eternal essence of your being through our hearing of it, and through your power, transform this ink into the stuff of new life. Amen.

Scripture Acts 27: 21 - 32

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Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul then stood up among them and said, “Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and thereby avoided this damage and loss. I urge you now to keep up your courage, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. For last night there stood by me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, and he said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before the emperor, and, indeed, God has granted safety to all those who are sailing with you.’ So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. But we will have to run aground on some island.”

When the fourteenth night had come, as we were drifting across the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors suspected that they were nearing land. So they took soundings and found twenty fathoms; a little farther on they took soundings again and found fifteen fathoms. Fearing that we might run on the rocks, they let down four anchors from the stern and prayed for day to come. But when the sailors tried to escape from the ship and had lowered the boat into the sea on the pretext of putting out anchors from the bow, Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, “Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved.” Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the boat and set it adrift.

Anthem *Come Ye, Thankful People Come*

Scripture Acts 27:33-44

Just before daybreak, Paul urged all of them to take some food, saying, “Today is the fourteenth day that you have been in suspense and remaining without food, having eaten nothing. Therefore, I urge you to take some food, for it will help you survive, for none of you will lose a hair from your heads.” After Paul had said this, he took bread, and giving thanks to God in the presence of all, he broke it and began to eat. Then all of them were encouraged and took food for themselves. (We were in all two hundred

seventy-six persons in the ship.) After the sailors had satisfied their hunger, they lightened the ship by throwing the wheat into the sea.

In the morning the sailors did not recognize the land, but they noticed a bay with a beach on which they planned to run the ship ashore, if they could. So they cast off the anchors and left them in the sea. At the same time they loosened the ropes that tied the steering-oars; then hoisting the foresail to the wind, they made for the beach. But striking a reef, they ran the ship aground; the bow stuck and remained immovable, but the stern was being broken up by the force of the waves. The soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, so that none might swim away and escape; but the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan. The centurion ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land and the rest to follow, some on planks and others on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Message:

Kathy Americano

***Sending Hymn** *His Eye is on the Sparrow* (Hymn #661)

***Benediction:**

***Song:** *Let There Be Peace on Earth* (on screen) Congregation

Postlude:

Astrid Chan

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****Today, November 24,*** We welcome Kathy Americano to our pulpit this morning.

****Today, November 24,*** Fellowship on your own. Perhaps invite someone new to brunch?

****Wednesday, November 27th,*** the office will close at noon and remain closed on ***Thursday, November 28*** for Thanksgiving. Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

****Sunday, December 8th,*** There will be a congregational meeting immediately following worship. It will be to elect the new class of elders and deacons.

****The Knitting/Hand Group is Back!*** Come make something with your hands. All skills welcome! Mondays from 10:00 a.m- Noon in the Conference Room.

****Join us Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.*** for Bible study in the Conference Room. We discuss the upcoming scriptures that will be used for preaching the upcoming Sunday. There are often goodies to share!

****Love to Sing? Join the Choir!*** Choir Rehearsals are Thursdays 10:45 am -11:45 am in the Sanctuary.

****Need to contact Pastor Elizabeth?*** Her email is:
PastorELymanHolyWay@gmail.com

-Pick up a Newsletter in the Lobby for a complete schedule of the life and events at The Holy Way-

THANKSGIVING

643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high-est heav - en,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:

who, from our moth-ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

THANKSGIVING

661 Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

His Eye Is on the Sparrow



1 Why should I feel dis-cour-aged? Why should the shad-ows come?
 2 "Let not your heart be trou-bled," his ten-der word I hear,
 3 When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-rise,



Why should my heart be lone-ly and long for heaven and home,
 and rest-ing on his good-ness, I lose my doubts and fears;
 when song gives place to sigh-ing, when hope with-in me dies,



when Je-sus is my por-tion? My con-stant friend is he:
 though by the path he lead-eth but one step I may see:
 I draw the clos-er to him; from care he sets me free:



his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me;



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Refrain

I sing be-cause I'm hap-py, (I'm hap-py) I sing be-cause I'm free, (I'm free)

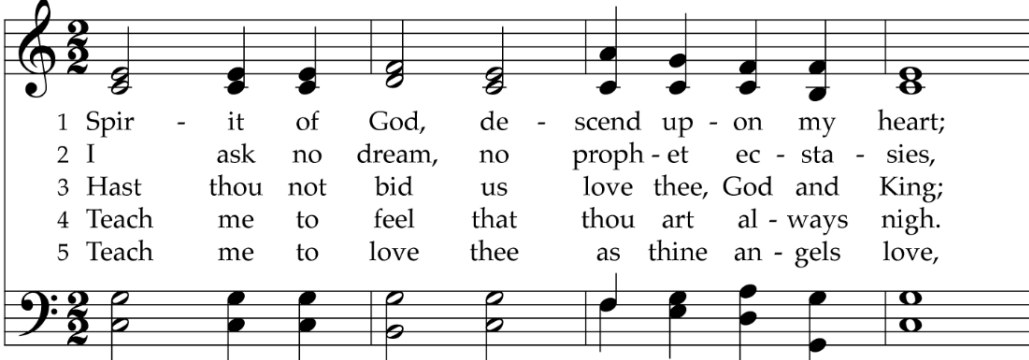
This hymn based on Jesus' saying about God's care for all creatures (Matthew 10:29-30/Luke 12:6-7) began with the refrain's last line, inspired by a woman who had endured much illness. It was first sung in public at the Royal Albert Hall, London, during evangelistic services in 1905.

THANKSGIVING


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for his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.

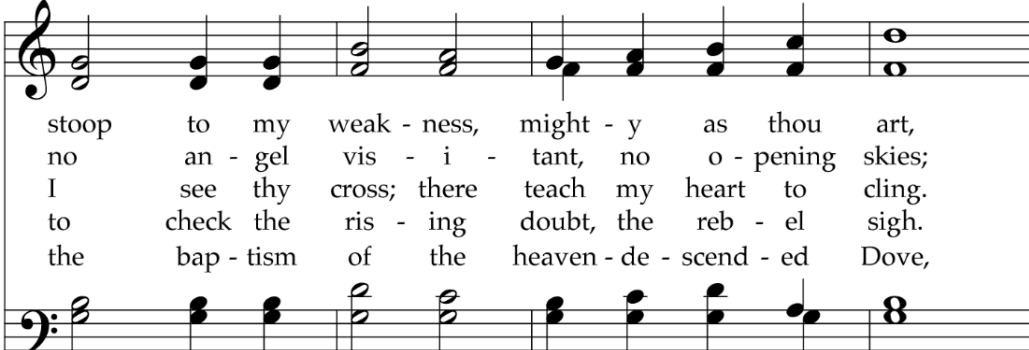
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 688



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;
 4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.
 5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,



wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;



stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
 I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,



and make me love thee as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

This reflection on Galatians 5:25 was written by a literary Anglican clergyman whose preaching drew people of many social classes to one of the formerly poorer London churches. The tune was created for "Abide with Me" (no. 836) but more often appears with the present text.