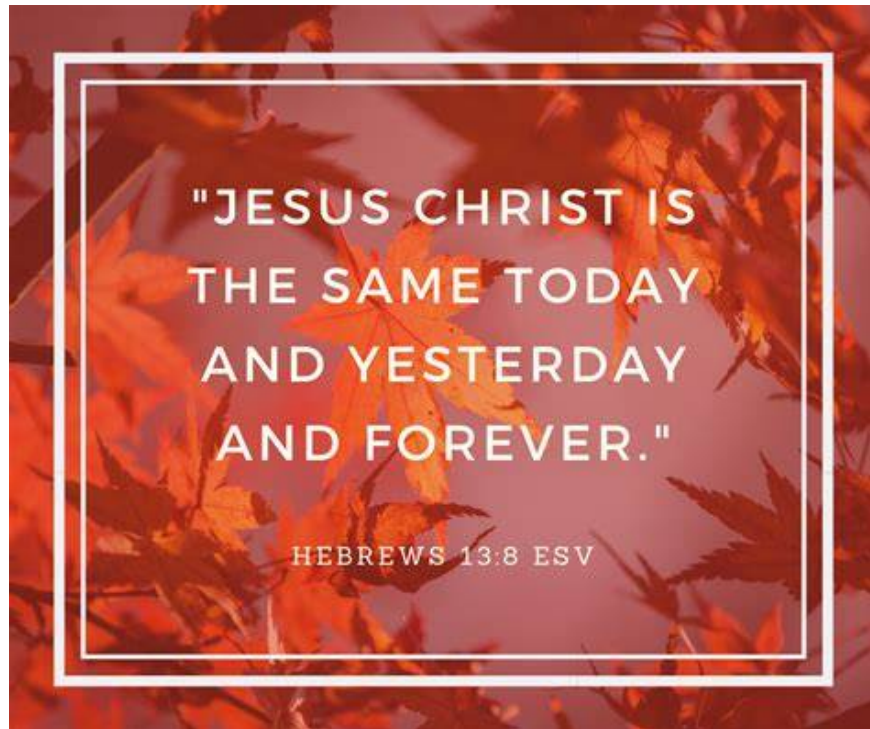


# The Holy Way Presbyterian Church



*Truth is eternal, unchanging, though circumstances may and do operate to give a different color to it, in our view, at different times. And truth will prevail, and those who do not yield to it must be destroyed by it.*

*—Elijah Parish Lovejoy, Presbyterian minister and leader of the abolitionist movement, who was murdered in Alton, Illinois, in 1837 by a pro-slavery mob that was trying to destroy his printing press.*

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**October 27, 2024 9:30am  
Rev. Elizabeth Lyman**

**Welcome to Worship**

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

**Announcements**

**Announce Birthdays and Anniversaries  
Sing Happy Birthday/Anniversary**

Ray Weathers

*“Protestant churches celebrate the Reformation annually on October 31, the anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. In honor of the celebration, this week’s liturgy draws on prayers and liturgy from Protestant Reformers”*

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:** Worship Leader  
(Psalm 124:8 and Psalm 46)

Bill Boals

One: Please stand for the Call to Worship.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**All: Amen.**

One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**All: Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**

One: Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**All: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;**

One: God will help it when the morning dawns.

“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations;

I am exalted in the earth.”

**All: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge**

One: Let us worship the living God.

**\*Opening Prayer**

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

**\*Opening Hymn:** *God is Here* (Hymn #309)

Bill Boals

**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**

(adapted from prayers by John Knox)

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

**All: 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 and ever.**

**Amen.**

**\*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**

*Out of gratitude for all that God has provided for us and with hope for a future that continues to unfold toward God's promised end, we bring our tithes and offerings for God's work among us in this time and place.*

### **Offertory Music:**

Judy McElroy

### **\*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** (from a prayer by Martin Luther)

**All: O Lord, come to me and use my bread, money and very life. How very well they are spent if I spend them in your service. Amen**

### **Prayer for Illumination** (a prayer by Ulrich Zwingli)

Almighty, eternal, and merciful God, whose Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path, open and illuminate our minds that we may truly understand your Word and that our life may be conformed to what we have rightly understood, that in all our ways we may be pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Scripture Mark 10:46-52** (New Revised Standard Version)

Jesus and the disciples came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, Bartimaeus began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And the disciples called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." 50 So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately Bartimaeus regained his sight and followed Jesus on the way.

**Anthem**      *I, The Lord of Sea and Sky*      Phil Hollis & Mac Elroy

**Scripture**    **Hebrews 11:1-3; 12:1-2**      Rick Dees

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.... Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for Jesus himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your spiritual leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Message:**            "The Same Forever"      Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

**\*Sending Hymn:** A Mighty Fortress is our God (Hymn #275)  
*(a hymn written by Martin Luther)*

**\*Charge (Numbers 6:24–26, as used in John Calvin’s Strasbourg Liturgy)**

The Lord bless you, and keep you;

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up his countenance, and give you peace. Amen

**\*Benediction:**

**\*Song:**      *Let There Be Peace on Earth*                      Congregation

**Postlude:**

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***\*Today, October 27th,*** Fellowship on your own. Perhaps invite someone to lunch or for coffee?

***\*Today, October 27th,*** the Buildings & Grounds Committee will meet in the Conference Room after Worship.

***\*Tuesday, October 29th,*** the Church Officer Nominating Committee will meet at 11:15 a.m. in the Conference Room.

***\*Next Sunday, November 3rd,*** we will have a Special Service Sunday. We will be having an All Saints Day Celebration. Please bring photos of those you have lost to celebrate their lives. It will also be Communion Sunday.

***\*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](mailto:PastorELYmanHolyWay@gmail.com)

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

GATHERING

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# God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in  
life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,  
Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and  
age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.  
font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.  
wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.  
to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.



GATHERING

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our  
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in  
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in  
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing  
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness  
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in  
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

# 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

## 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