

The Holy Way Presbyterian Church



"I am not sure exactly what heaven will be like, but I know that when we die and it comes time for God to judge us, he will not ask, 'How many good things have you done in your life?' rather he will ask, 'How much love did you put into what you did?'"

Mother Teresa

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***November 3, 2024 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Elizabeth Lyman***

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

Announcements

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

Ray Weathers

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**

Terry Saxton

(based on Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Leviticus 19:18)

One: Please stand, in body or in spirit, for the Call to Worship

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

All: And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might."

One: Hear, O Church of God: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

All: And we shall love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our might.

One: Hear, O children of God: there is another commandment like the first.

All: Yes: we shall love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

One: These two commandments are the foundation of our Christian lives.

All: Thanks be to God!

One: Come, let us worship God!

***Opening Prayer**

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

***Opening Hymn:** *We Gather Together* (Hymn #336) Terry Saxton

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...

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

*With glad and generous hearts, let us bring our tithes and offerings to
the God who has so richly blessed us.*

Offertory Music:

***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: Generous and loving God, we do thank you for the many blessings in our lives. As you have so freely given your love in Jesus Christ, may we freely share your love with others through these gifts we offer today. May they be signs of our devotion to you and our willingness to love in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray: We wait for you, Lord, our souls wait for you, and in your Word we hope. Open our hearts and minds to hear your Word read and proclaimed, that we may have hope and believe in the good news. Amen.

Scripture Psalm 146

Bill Boals

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes,

in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth;

on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord their God,

who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed;

who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers;

he upholds the orphan and the widow,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

Scripture Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard the disciples disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well the scribe asked Jesus, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as

yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to Jesus, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask Jesus any other question.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Message: "Not Far From the Kingdom" Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Adopted from: Celebrating their Lives: Holy Communion for All Saints' Day was written by the Rev. Scott A. Ressman, Pastor of the United Church of Rockville Centre, Rockville Center, New York.

Communion Anthem: Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether #529 Vs 1

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, For when humbly in Your name,

Two or three are met together, You are in the midst of them;

Alleluia! Alleluia! Here we touch Your garment's hem.

Invitation to The Table

The invitation is simple: come and eat of the feast...

....No one is turned away for God is the host!

Communion Anthem: Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether #529 Vs 2

As disciples used to gather, In the name of Christ to sup,

Then with thanks to God the Giver. Break the bread and bless the cup,

Alleluia! Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Words of Institution

Pastor: God is in this place.

All: And in our hearts.

Pastor: Open yourself to the nudging God.

All: We feel the breath of the Spirit.

Pastor: Remember God made flesh.

All: Jesus, who taught us a new way. *(a time of silence)*

Tender, transforming God, you have invited us to gather at this table...

....With those who have gone before us,

Whose hands touched the bread,

Whose lips embraced the cup,

We worship you.

We glorify you.

Remembering

We remember those who have died in the past year.

We celebrate their lives, even as we continue to grieve.

We remember: (bell tolls after each name)

Jerry Anderson

Don Bowring

Rich Swibold

TR Ellis

Gary Rife

Marquita McCrone

Ron Breuer

Elvin Dean McDougald

And we remember all those who have gone before us. (bell tolls)

This is the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Communion Anthem: Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether #529 Vs 3

All our meals and all our living, Make us sacraments of You,

That by caring, helping, giving, We may be disciples true.

Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew

Words of Institution

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Call to the Feast

This is the feast prepared for you.

Come and share for all is ready.

Distribution of Elements

(All are welcome to receive communion. We serve grape juice instead of wine and offer gluten free alternatives so that all may partake.)

Hymn Sung during Communion (please remain seated) #525 (on screen)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Creative, connecting God, you have sent your Spirit and made us the body of Christ; From child-like faith, to youthful energy, from middle-aged mindfulness, to elder's wisdom..

We thank you for this time, this remembrance.

Increase our faith.

Boldly!

Help us to love.

Boldly!

Encourage us to act.

Boldly!

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

***Sending Hymn:** *For All the Saints* (Hymn #326) (vs 1,3,5)

***Charge and Benediction:**

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

Postlude:

****Please stand in body or in spirit***

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****A Special Thank You to Carol Portillo for orchestrating the Memory Table***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****Today, November 3rd***, Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the Sanctuary after worship. The Congregational Life Committee will meet after worship in the Conference Room. (This is a new time).

****Monday, November 4th***, the Worship & Music Committee will meet at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

****Wednesday, November 6th***, the Deacons will meet at 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

****Saturday, November 9th***, Join us at 2:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary for Game Day. Bring some board games and let's have some fun!

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

We Gather Together

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1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

First published among songs celebrating the end of Spanish control of the Netherlands, this text's blend of patriotism and piety has made it popular at (often ecumenical) Thanksgiving Day services. The tune is named for the Viennese arranger whose male chorus popularized it.

THE CHURCH

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For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
all are one in thee, for all are thine.
hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

THE CHURCH

Harmony, stanza 3

3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by a half note chord of G4 and B4, then a quarter note chord of G4 and B4, and a quarter note chord of G4 and B4. The bass staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. The bass line starts with a quarter note G2, followed by a quarter note chord of G2 and B2, then a quarter note chord of G2 and B2, and a quarter note chord of G2 and B2.

We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet

The second system of musical notation continues the treble and bass staves. The treble staff has a half note chord of G4 and B4, followed by a quarter note chord of G4 and B4, a quarter note chord of G4 and B4, a quarter note chord of G4 and B4, a quarter note chord of G4 and B4, a quarter note chord of G4 and B4, and a quarter note chord of G4 and B4. The bass staff has a half note chord of G2 and B2, followed by a quarter note chord of G2 and B2, a quarter note chord of G2 and B2, a quarter note chord of G2 and B2, a quarter note chord of G2 and B2, a quarter note chord of G2 and B2, and a quarter note chord of G2 and B2.

all are one in thee, for all are thine.

The third system of musical notation continues the treble and bass staves. The treble staff has a half note chord of G4 and B4, followed by a quarter note chord of G4 and B4, a quarter note chord of G4 and B4, a quarter note chord of G4 and B4, a quarter note chord of G4 and B4, a quarter note chord of G4 and B4, and a quarter note chord of G4 and B4. The bass staff has a half note chord of G2 and B2, followed by a quarter note chord of G2 and B2, a quarter note chord of G2 and B2, a quarter note chord of G2 and B2, a quarter note chord of G2 and B2, a quarter note chord of G2 and B2, and a quarter note chord of G2 and B2.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

to stanza 4

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