



11:00 AM | March 08, 2026  
The Way Around

*You are invited to join the pastor, on the right side of the altar, for a time of prayer before we begin worship this morning.*

**PRELUDE**

He Leadeth Me

Judi Wilkinson

by: Bradbury/Shackley

**WE GATHER**

Meeting One Another on The Way

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Let us know that you worshipped with us today: [www.westernhillsep.org/attendance/](http://www.westernhillsep.org/attendance/)

See our full list of announcements here: [www.westernhillsep.org/happening-now/](http://www.westernhillsep.org/happening-now/)

**Preparing Together**

*Threshold Moment*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**SONG** "A Wilderness Wandering People"

*[sing through twice]*

**We are a wilderness wandering people  
on a journey of the soul.**

**May we find our destination  
in our longing to be whole.**

**Our Holy God is calling to us.**

**With Jesus by our side  
may compassion be our compass;  
may the Spirit be our guide,  
on The Way,  
on The Way,  
on The Way.**

## **PRAYER FOR THE PATH**

God of the Bending Road,  
be with us on The Way.

We find ourselves changed

by the things we encounter and the people we meet.

We want to grow and yet sometimes

the growing pains can be disorienting for everyone.

Help us as we navigate the twists and turns,

and help us see that others are doing the same.

Amen.

**SONGS** Cornerstone; and Way Maker – Praise Band

## **GREETING EACH OTHER**

“What is a change in plans you’ve been through in your life?”

## **TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

### **WE PROCLAIM**

Discovering Ourselves on The Way

**HYMN** Where He Leads Me No. 338

**VIDEO** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=frlQHUeRT5c>

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 32:1-11 *NRSVue*

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **DOXOLOGY**

## **SERMON**

### **WE RESPOND**

Opening to the Holy on The Way

## **PRAYERS FOR GETTING OUT OF YOUR OWN WAY**

We pause along the way to offer our whole attention to God in prayer. This is especially necessary when bends in the road require decisions about the way we move forward or we find ourselves unsure. Let us meet God in the stillness, offering our most honest selves.

Dear God,

I am not always sure I know

what I want for myself.  
I am surrounded by some people  
who want me to be more than I am,  
and others who want me to be less.

What is worse,  
I have those same expectations of others.  
Sometimes that makes it difficult for me  
to get my head and my heart  
having in the same direction.

If it is possible,  
let that cup pass from me,  
but if not...  
Amen.

**HYMN** Lord Listen to Your Children Praying

**SILENCE** *Time for Contemplation*

**ASSURANCE**

**HYMN** Lord Listen to Your Children Praying

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**COMMISSIONING FOR SHORT TERM CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

All who take upon themselves the name of Christ  
Are called into ministries of love and service by the example of Christ.  
As Pastor Jacqui begins her work among the people of El Salvador  
We pray the blessings of God and our community upon her endeavors.

**We recognize you as an ambassador of this congregation  
In ministry with the people of El Salvador.  
and dedicate you to service in the name of Jesus Christ. Through our prayers we  
will be united with you in your work. May God bless your labors.**

**WE GO FORTH**

Continuing with Jesus on The Way

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**ANTHEM** – Fall, Slow Tears; by: Ruth Elaine Schram - The Chancel Choir

**HYMN** Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us No. 381

**BENEDICTION**

The Creator God filled you with breath,  
inviting you to this journey called Life.

**We will follow on The Way.**

Jesus, our Guide, showed us what it means  
to make a new way with Love.

**We will follow on The Way.**

The Spirit gives us strength to move forward  
with Courage and Compassion for all we meet.

**We will follow on The Way.**

May this week be filled with opportunities  
to let others share with you their journey stories,  
and for you to share yours  
so you might come to know each other more fully.  
May it be so. Amen.

**“Buen Camino!”**

**POSTLUDE**

Esequiel Meza

***LAY READER:***