



11:00 AM | March 15, 2026
The Way Home

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

Esequiel Meza

WE GATHER

Meeting One Another on The Way

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let us know that you worshipped with us today: www.westernhillsep.org/attendance/
See our full list of announcements here: 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

Our God who is our Home,
be with us on The Way.

At times we aren't sure about
the relationship of the road we travel
and the home we seek.

Will we ever feel like we have arrived?

We come hoping for the hearth of acceptance
in the home that Jesus promises.

And whether we are feeling lost or at home,
may we know you are always with us.

Amen.

HYMN Leaning on the Everlasting Arms No. 133

GREETING EACH OTHER

"What does home feel like to you?"

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE PROCLAIM

Discovering Ourselves on The Way

HYMN Softly and Tenderly No. 348

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

SCRIPTURE Luke 15: 11b-32 *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

Our prayer song in this series asks God to "be the air I breathe." When God is our very breath, we are always Home, even in the midst of feeling lost. We ask to be freed to receive this sense of home that is Love.

Dear Lord,
You have shown me
what a bridge Love is across my wild rivers of anger and my deep valleys of
mistrust; how it can tame that uncompromising beast, Guilt, and its constant
companion, Anxiety.
You have shown me how Love
warms without burning,
cools without chilling,
holds without crushing.

Whenever I may be hungry,
Love can fill my emptiness.
Whenever I may be wounded,
Love can heal.
However down I may feel,
one touch of its pleasure
can make me a saint.

There are times, though, when Love
expects more of me than I have to give.
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

WE GO FORTH

Continuing with Jesus on The Way

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ANTHEM - Behold the Lamb of God by Craig Courtney The Chancel Choir
Behold the Lamb of God, The Lamb for sinners slain;

A perfect sacrifice for all,
He died, but lives again

Behold the Lamb of God,
Behold! His hands, His side.
The Son of God, the sinless Lamb, or me was crucified.

He lives let Heav'n rejoice,
And earth her honors bring
The everlasting God,
The great eternal King.

Behold the Lamb of God.
Behold! His hands, His side.
The Son of God, the sinless Lamb, or me was crucified.

Oh, strike your harps of gold,
Ye ransomed host above.
Praise him who brought you with His blood,
And saved you by His love.

Behold the Lamb of God.
Behold! His hands, His side.
The Son of God, the sinless Lamb, or me was crucified.

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SONGS - Cornerstone-Key C; and Way Maker-Key G – Praise Band

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 choose
to love in ways you never thought possible,
so that Home is anywhere you go.
May it be so. Amen.
"Buen Camino!"

POSTLUDE

Sonata in D

By: Mateo Albeniz

Judi Wilkinson

LAY READER: