



11:00 AM | March 29, 2026
The Other Way

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

INTROIT

PROCESSIONAL HYMN - All Glory Laud and Honor No. 280

SCRIPTURE Luke 19: 28b-40 *NRSVue*
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

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

Jesus of Palm Sunday parades,
be with us on The Way.
We wonder if we have what it takes
to truly march in the name of justice and love for all people.
Are we able to sacrifice the paths that benefit only us
for the ones that make a way in the wilderness for the least?
We come seeking your courage and resolve
in order to follow your way of love.
Amen.

GREETING EACH OTHER

“What is your favorite parade?”

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

NOISY OFFERING

CONFIRMANDS

PRESENTATION OF BIBLE TO CONFIRMANDS

Receive the Word of God.
Learn its stories and study its words.
Its stories belong to us all,
and these words speak to us all.
They tell us who we are.
They tell us that we belong to one another,
for we are the people of God.

*Confirmands::*We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds.
Thank you.

We will read and study the Bible together.

The children and leaders face the congregation.

Congregation::

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.

**We pray God will guide you, your family, and us
as you use this Holy Bible in your home,**

in your church school classes, and in our worship.

We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.

Confirmands:

The Word of God is a lamp to our feet,
and a light to our path.

Thanks be to God.

WE PROCLAIM

Discovering Ourselves on The Way

HYMN I Have Decided to Follow Jesus No. 2129

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

SERMON

WE RESPOND

Opening to the Holy on The Way

PRAYERS FOR GETTING OUT OF YOUR OWN WAY

Jesus was constantly seeking out time in the stillness as respite to the times when he navigated the path alongside chaotic crowds. We pause our journey today at the threshold of entering the "what's next" of life to meet God in the stillness.

Dear Lord,

**I, too, can feel the excitement
in the long-awaited coming of One
who can change shadows into sunlight,
despair into hope,
and even death into life.**

**With all inhibitions down I could
join in the parades, processions, and testimonials
for such a One.**

**When I am asked, though,
to join with such a person on a march that might lead to
rejection, negation, and maybe even death,
I am not so sure.**

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

HYMN Lord Listen to Your Children Praying

SILENCE

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

HYMN Beneath the Cross of Jesus No. 297

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

The Love of God

by: Lehman/Hayes

Judi Wilkinson

LAY READER: