



8:30 AM | March 22, 2026  
The Free 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**

Give Me Jesus

Judi Wilkinson

by: Spiritual/Hayes

**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 our Rock,  
be with us on The Way.  
At times we are not sure how we will  
carry the burdens of grief and disappointment  
that accumulate in life.  
We come asking for help  
in lightening the load  
so that we can be free to move in new directions.  
Help us to help each other as Jesus asks us to do.  
Amen.

**HYMN** Lift High The Cross No. 159

## **GREETING EACH OTHER**

“What feels heavy to you this day?”

## **TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

### **WE PROCLAIM**

Discovering Ourselves on The Way

**SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 43: 16-19 *NRSVue*  
The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN** Go Down Moses v.1 and 5 No.448; and Eagles Wings No. 143

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

**SCRIPTURE** Philippians 3: 12-14 *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**

Let us pause along the way to turn towards the Holy One, the One whose way is freedom from fear. We come with our honesty about just how difficult it is to trust the path, trust our instincts, trust our inner compass. And we remember that God meets us even here.

**O God,  
There are times  
when I feel hopeless and afraid.  
I become confused and unsure  
as to how to face the next moment.  
What difference does my life make  
in the midst of such a vast universe?**

**Sometimes the thought of my own death  
stirs up feelings of doubt and uncertainty.  
I feel as though I am on a treadmill,  
rather than moving toward a destination.**

**Worst of all, in the midst of my anxiety,  
I become impatient and angry with those  
who mean the most to me.**

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

**HYMN** Lord Listen to Your Children Praying

#### **LAYING DOWN OUR BURDENS**

#### **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** Lead On O King Eternal No. 580

**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**

Esequiel Meza

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