

***Doxology**
***Offertory Prayer**

***Closing Hymn**

UMH 526

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

***Benediction:**

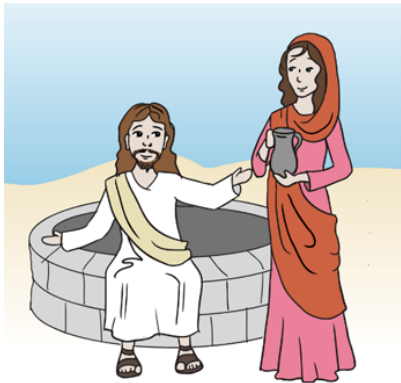
As you go from this place, remember: Christ offers his yoke to you, promising to come alongside and stick with you no matter where your journey takes you. So when your week gets hard, when you feel like you are at your wits' end, when the overwhelm is too much, Christ holds out his yoke to you. Will you take it? Amen.

***Benediction Response**

UMH 666

“Shalom to You”

Postlude



Reflection Question: What misplaced burdens are you carrying? Where might God be offering you a more well-fitted yoke? Where are your expectations of God and the church unmet? Where do you sense God moving in hidden ways?

Calvary United Methodist Church
Sunday, July 9th, 2023
6th Sunday After Pentecost Sunday
Pastor Ryan Washabaugh
Pianist Pam Jacobs

Welcome Deb Hull

Prelude Pam Jacobs

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Welcome this day to a time of rest.

People: We come, bearing burdens and cares.

Leader: Place your lives in the loving hands of God

People: May God heal our spirits and strengthen us.

Leader: Trust in God who is always with you.

People: Lord, this day we come to you in faith and trust for your healing mercies. AMEN

***Opening Prayer:**

In times of weakness and hours of need, yours is the strength by which we carry on, the shoulder we rest our head upon. When our load is heavy and too much to bear, yours are the arms stretched out to help us with the grace that we depend on. In times of weakness and hours of need, your voice is heard, ‘Come... find rest.’ This is grace divine, the path we tread to wholeness of body and spirit, the path that leads to you, and for which we offer our praise. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise UMH 400**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Invitation to Confession:

When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God. Trusting in our Partner in grace, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

Silent confession.

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Alleluia! Amen.

***Apostles Creed UMH 881**

***Gloria Patri UMH 70**

First Reading Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Page 19

Where Children Belong TFWS 2233

Children’s Time Deb Hull

Praises and Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer **Lord’s Prayer**

***Hymn of Preparation TFWS 2158**

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Series: The Path of the Disciple, Part II: Learning to Grow

Message: “Taking the Yoke” Pastor Ryan

Scripture Focus: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 Page 11

Call to Offering:

When Rebekah’s family asked whether she would yield her life to God’s purposes, she answered, “I will.” Every day each of us is challenged by that same question. May the offerings we now bring symbolize our yielding. Let us now present our tithes and offerings.

