



“Come to me, all you that are weary”

Matthew 11:28

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Welcome

Rev. Christina Thompson

Lighting our candles

Call to Worship

Come Away with Me *TWFS 2202 v. 1, 5*

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

What a Friend
We Have in Jesus

UMH 526

Scripture

Matthew 11:25-30

Sermon

Coming to Jesus *Rev. Christina Thompson*

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Dewey Knowles

Offering

Closing Song

How Firm a Foundation

UMH 529, v 1-3

Passing the Peace

Notes:

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

Pastoral Prayer:

O God of life, we come to you from many places; some hearts overflow with joy and gratitude, others are barely hanging on to hope and faith. For some this is an ordinary morning; for others, every step feels fragile. Holy One, meet us where we are and bind us to each other, that in the community of your love we might discover our wholeness. Help us to come away with you and find rest for our souls.

God of every beginning, we pray for your children; for infants harbored in their mother’s wombs, for children exploring the world and testing their imaginations, for youth discovering their own integrity. We pray for our children in this time of uncertainty. May they feel your loving presence holding them.

Author of time, we ask your blessing on our work and our rest; in jobs that feed our souls and in jobs that do not satisfy. We pray for those who are working at home, for those desprightly trying to balance work and caring for family and for those whose work brings them into potential contact with this COVID virus. We also pray for those who have lost their job in this pandemic and who worry about how to pay their bills.

Come to us now and teach us, O trainer of our lives. Help us to listen to your voice and to follow the commands that you give to us.

We now lift to you the concerns of our hearts. May those that we are naming in the quiet of our hearts, find that quiet place in your loving arms to find the hope of grace.

We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen

Opening Prayer

Author of life, you cast your glory all around us, you reveal yourself to us in ancient stories and in the give-and-take of common life. By the power of your Spirit, come to us now in this time of worship. You have called us to this place and called us to come away with you to a quiet place. May we find that quiet spot this morning where we can learn from you and find rest for our souls. Amen.

Scripture: Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus Thanks His Father

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Offertory Prayer:

Gracious creator, you have laced our lives with blessing and you continue to teach us how to follow you. Help us to listen to your voice as we give this morning and may your blessing follow these gifts so that they can be used to help others know of your love and the hope of your grace. Amen

Song Texts:

Come Away with Me

Come away with me to a quiet place,
apart from the world with its frantic pace,
to pray, reflect, and seek God's grace.
Come away with me. Come away.

Come away with me to a quiet place,
to God's loving arms waiting to embrace
all those who come in hope of grace.
Come away with me. Come away.

#2202 – Come Away with Me

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

#526 – What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”

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