



Calvary Church Sunday Worship

August 16, 2026

* Please rise as you are able.

Bold text is spoken by the congregation.

Nursery care is available; ask a greeter for directions.

Prelude: "Tendre Fleur" by Friedrich Burgmüller

Susan Schmidt

Welcome and Poem

Rev. Good

*Gathering Words by Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Susan Stewart

God of Love, we have come by many arduous roads to this day in this place.

You have accompanied us.

We have needed you.

And you have provided, sometimes in ways we did not see.

Still we are in your house, members of your family.

Still we are loved. So we praise you. We thank you. We worship you.

*Unison Prayer

Susan Stewart

O God, all roads lead to you, arduous and easy, flat and steep, wandering and straightforward.

Help us to follow the road set before us, to find our footing on your path of peace and justice,

inclusion and purpose. Keep us steady even when life is uncertain. Guide us, companion us,

connect us, in your grace. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Susan Stewart

Peace be with you. **And also with you.** *Please share a sign of peace with your neighbors.*

*Hymn: "Humbly, My God"

words by Steve Garnaas-Holmes, tune 454 [large hymnal]

1- Open my eyes, O God of grace,
to see you here in every face,
you in the poor, the stranger, the foe,
bidding me learn and love and grow.
Humbly, my God, I look for you,
ready, with love, your will to do.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine.

2- Open my ears to hear your voice
leading with grace in every choice.
You come in need that I cannot hide,
so that your love will be my guide.
Humbly, my God, I look for you,
ready, with love, your will to do.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine.

3- Open my heart to freely care,
your undefended love to share.
Open my arms; release all my fear;
and in my love you will appear.
Humbly, my God, I look for you,
ready, with love, your will to do.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine.

Scripture: Matthew 15:21-28

Susan Stewart

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

The word of God to us. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Time

Susan Stewart

After the song, children are welcome in room 3.

Song: "Walk With Me"

refrain 2242 [small hymnal]

**Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

Scripture: Isaiah 56:1-2,6-8

Susan Stewart

Thus says God: Do what is right! Work for justice! For my liberation is about to come, and my justice is about to be revealed.

Happy is the person who does this, and happy is the person who holds to it – who observes the Sabbath and does not profane it, and keeps one's hands free from evil deeds.

And the foreigners who join themselves to me, ministering to me, loving the name of God and worshipping me – all who observe the Sabbath and do not profane it, and cling to my Covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all people. Thus says the Sovereign God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: "There are others I will gather besides those already gathered: all you wild animals of the plains and the forests, come and eat your fill!"

The word of God for us. **Thanks be to God.**

Music: Excerpt from Piano Sonata No. 12 in F Major, 2nd movement, Adagio by
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Susan Schmidt

Thoughts

Rev. Good

*Hymn: "She Came to Jesus"

words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, tune 451 [large hymnal]

**She came to Jesus from outside the fold —
Canaanite woman! Persistent and bold!
Looking to Jesus, she wanted to see
One who would help her and set her child free.**

**Claiming a blessing, a touch of God's grace,
She knew God's love was not bounded by place.
Jesus, you listened, debated — then healed —
For in her asking, her faith was revealed.**

**God, you still bless those who seek you in prayer.
You welcome dreamers who faithfully dare.
In Christ, now risen, your mercy extends:
Those on the outside are welcomed as friends.**

*Psalm of Faith: Psalm 67

Susan Stewart

Favor and bless us, Lord, let your face shine on us,
revealing your way to all peoples, salvation the world over.

Let nations sing your praise, every nation on earth.

The world will shout for joy, for you rule the planet with justice.
In fairness you govern the nations and guide the peoples of earth.

Let the nations sing your praise, every nation on earth.

The land delivers its harvest, God, our God, has blessed us,
O God, continue your blessing, may the whole world worship you.

Sharing of Prayers and Prayer of the People

Susan Stewart

We invite you to use your chosen words for God: Father, Mother, or...

**Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Offering

If you wish to make a monetary donation, you can leave cash or a check in the
offering baskets located at the entrances to the sanctuary or scan the Venmo code
at the right.



*Doxology

Old 100th [95, large hymnal]

**Praise God whose breath fills all the earth
Whose love reveals our sacred worth
Whose Spirit forms one family
Whose grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Susan Stewart

God of us all, we are grateful for changed hearts and minds and for steadfast spirits. We are grateful for the ways you show up to us, in stranger and friend. We offer to you the gifts of our hands that the world might be changed through us. Amen.

*Hymn: "Victory in Jesus"

370 [large hymnal]

1. I heard an old, old sto - ry, how a Sav - ior came
 2. I heard a - bout his heal - ing, of his cleans - ing power
 3. I heard a - bout a man - sion he has built for me

from glo - ry, how he gave his life on Cal - va - ry
 re - veal - ing, how he made the lame to walk a - gain
 in glo - ry, and I heard a - bout the streets of gold

to save a wretch like me; I heard a - bout his
 and caused the blind to see; and then I cried, "Dear
 be - yond the crys - tal sea; a - bout the an - gels

groan - ing, of his pre - cious blood's a - ton - ing,
 Je - sus, come and heal my bro - ken spir - it,"
 sing - ing and the old re - demp - tion sto - ry,

then I re - pent - ed of my sins and won the
 and some - how Je - sus came and brought to me the
 and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of

Refrain

vic - to - ry.
vic - to - ry. O vic - to - ry in Je - sus, my
vic - to - ry.

Sav - ior for - ev - er! He sought me and bought me

with his re - deem - ing blood; he loved me ere I

knew him, and all my love is due him; he

plunged me to vic - to - ry be - neath the cleans - ing flood.

Announcements

Susan Stewart

Weekly Events:

Bible Study Wednesday 10 AM in the parlor

Calvary Potluck Wednesday 6 PM on the front lawn or in Fellowship Hall

Helping Hands Thursday 10 AM in classroom 1

Benediction

Susan Stewart

Postlude: "I'll Fly Away" by Albert E. Brumley

Susan Schmidt