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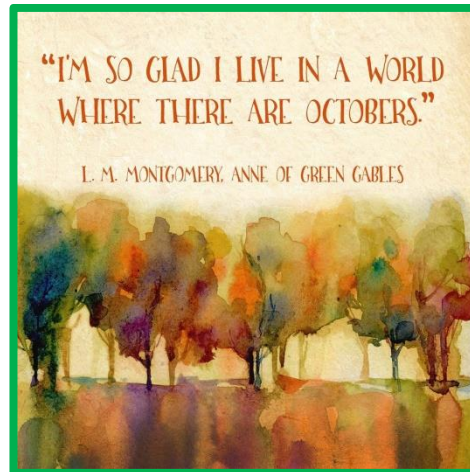
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020

19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CALDWELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 8 Academy Rd., Caldwell, NJ 07006

Rev. Vivian L. Rodeffer, Pastor

Ms. Diane Moser, Music Director



PRELUDE

Maxine Alstrom, Musician

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Viv

Lord, may we know the presence of the Holy Spirit here with us today. May we be open to your leading, sensitive to your speaking and alert to your calling. Gracious God, we declare that you are welcome here among us. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 106

Praise the Lord!

O give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his steadfast love endures forever.

Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare his praise?

Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

Let us worship God.

HYMN # 102

"Now Thank We All Our God"

**1 Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
of this world in the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, you have shown us such love, and stretched out your arms to draw us into your embrace. Yet we so often fail to show that love within our lives, or recognize its source. Forgive our short-sightedness, for the times we've failed to see your love in the generosity of friend or stranger, the shoulder to cry on, willing ear to listen, a word of encouragement, holding our hand that extra mile. Forgive us for failing to notice how much you care for us.

A time for silent reflection.

Almighty God, have mercy on you,
Forgive all your sins through the Lord Jesus Christ,
Strengthen you in all goodness,
And by the power of the Holy Spirit
Keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING:

Philippians 4: 1-9

Christie Pavlishin, Reader

4 ¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters-whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

CUMC Choir

“Canticle of Peace”

J. Martin

<https://soundcloud.com/vivian-rodeffer/choir-canticle-of-peace-j-1?p=a&c=1>

MESSAGE

Finding Peace in the Midst of Life

*“Do not worry about anything,
but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.” Phil. 4: 6*

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

God of Peace, we are confronted with so many overwhelming needs in our world. Walk with us as we set aside our own desires and wants and join the call to alleviate human suffering. Transform us and these financial gifts into genuine acts of concern and ministry to others. In the name of the One who surpasses all understanding, we pray. Amen.

HYMN #467

“Trust and Obey”

**1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**

**2. Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh or a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**

Our Father, 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

HYMN TFWS #2212 “My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep From Singing)”

**1. My life flows on in endless song;
Above earth's lamentation,
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation**

**2. Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing
It finds an echo in my soul
How can I keep from singing?**

**3. What though my joys and comforts die?
I know my Savior liveth
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth**

**4. No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that refuge clinging
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing?**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, October 11	Noon Caring Caravan (<i>Meet in the church parking lot!</i>) 2:30 PM ZOOM Charge Conference
Monday, October 12	10 AM Zoom Prayer/Discussion Group 7 PM Zoom Finance 8 PM Zoom Trustees
Sunday, October 18	10 AM PET BLESSING ZOOM WORSHIP