

SUNDAY, June 4, 2023

Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006

Rev. Vivian L. Rodeffer, Pastor

TRINITY SUNDAY

Ms. Maxine Alstrom, Music Director



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Viv

*Holy God, Three in One, you are our eternal hope, our companion in life, our liberating power. Lead us in your mission, baptizing and teaching in your blessed name, so that all may worship you to the end of the age. Loving God, you sent your son Jesus to lead us in faith to everlasting life. **Amen.***

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

***HYMN**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

**1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons Blessed Trinity!**

**2 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy There is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love and purity**

**3 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons Blessed Trinity**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we know that you are always there to lead us, yet we somehow lose our way and fall back into fear. We confess that we have stumbled, and we recognize our need for you to lift us up and help us start again. Forgive us our failings, restore us to strength, and reconcile us with you, ourselves, and each other, through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit.

A time for silent confession

Sisters and brothers, hear the good news: We did not receive the spirit of slavery, but rather the spirit of adoption. Rom. 8:15 Your guilt has departed; your sin is blotted out, Isa. 6:7 for you are God’s beloved children—forgiven, loved and free. May God’s peace be with you. **And also with you. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

United Methodist Hymnal p. 39

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28: 16-20

Jeannie Laureano, Reader

The Commissioning of the Disciples

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and

of the Son and of the Holy Spirit 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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

THE CHOIR

THE MESSAGE

A Call to Ministry

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, As we offer our gifts, help us to remember the many blessings we have received from your love and how we can share them with others. Let us praise God with our service, our financial gifts, and our love. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE MORNING PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER Pastor Karen
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.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A LITURGY OF FAREWELL

Our church family is constantly changing. People come and go. Babies are born. Children grow up.

People commit themselves to one another. Loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives.

Individuals move into our community and church life. Others leave us, moving away to new places, new experiences, and new opportunities.

It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage, of endings and beginnings.

Today we share the time of farewell with **Erin and Andrew** who are leaving to live in Princeton where Andrew attends graduate school.

Presentation of gift and prayer for them as they continue their journey.

***HYMN**

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

1 God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, may the Shepherd’s care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain:

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet.

Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings, protecting, hide you, daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]

3 God be with you till we meet again; when life’s perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms around you; God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]

***BENEDICTION**

***Stand as able.**

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TODAY is **Griffin Timothy** (12-5-22), infant son of **Timothy and Samantha Pierce**, 50 Pheasant Run, Kinnelon, NJ 07405. And, he is the little brother of Hayden and Grace. Griffin’s godparents are **Rebecca Grubb, Ayer, MA** and **Scott Plumstead, Fairfield, NJ**. We pray God’s blessings on their family!

YOU ARE INVITED TO STAY FOR THE COVERED DISH LUNCHEON AND PLANT SALE after church today in the auditorium. All proceeds benefit the mission and ministry of the church.

CALENDAR

Monday, June 5

10 AM Zoom Prayer/ Discussion Group