

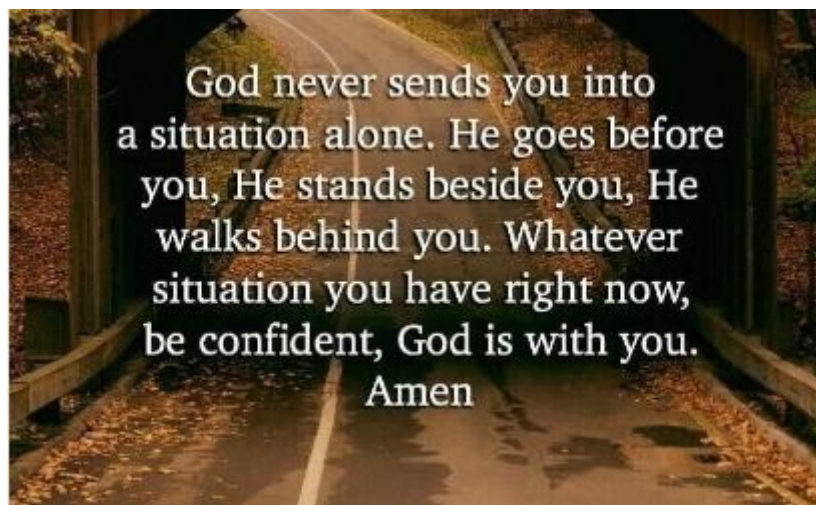
SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023

6th Sunday After Pentecost

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Ms. Maxine Alstrom, Music Director



## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

*God of ages past and days yet to come, we thank you that you are a God who journeys with us all our days. You have walked many miles with us, O God. You have comforted and strengthened us along the way. Fill our hearts once again with your love, joy and peace as we gather to honor you through this time of worship. Continue to guide us with your Holy Spirit and teach us to live in your ways of truth and love. Amen.*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 27:1, 4-6

The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

**One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.**

For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

**Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

Praise the Lord

**\*HYMN # 64****“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”**

- 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! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around a glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou are holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.**
- 4 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 (Together)**

Gracious and merciful God, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Although you are always with us, we have often failed to recognize you in our daily lives. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there is no God and we fall short of being a credible witness of your presence and goodness to others. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE****Deuteronomy 31:1-8****Rita Whetton, Reader**

1 Then Moses went out and spoke these words to all Israel: 2 “I am now a hundred and twenty years old and I am no longer able to lead you. The LORD has said to me, 'You shall not cross the Jordan.' 3 The LORD your God himself will cross over ahead of you. He will destroy these nations before you, and you will take possession of their land. Joshua also will cross over ahead of you, as the LORD said. 4 And the LORD will do to them what he did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, whom he destroyed along with their land. 5 The LORD will deliver them to you, and you must do to them all that I have commanded you. 6 Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” 7 Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, “Be strong

and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the LORD swore to their forefathers to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance. 8 The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC**      **Improvisation on Amazing Grace**      **Maxine Alstrom, piano**

**MESSAGE**                              **Our Greatest Knowledge**                              **Pastor Park**

### **RECEIVING THE MORNING'S OFFERINGS**

#### **\*DEDICATION**

**God of love and grace, we thank you for all those who put the work of your church before their own needs and support your work with faithfulness and dedication. Bless them richly with your goodness and abundance and these gifts with your love and grace. Bless also those who are struggling and provide for them as you provide for us. Through our ministries and our generosity, may others come to know your loving welcome and your gracious mercy. Amen.**

#### **\*DOXOLOGY #94**

**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**

**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.**

**\*Closing Hymn**                              **"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"**                              **TFWS # 2146**

**1 Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?  
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,  
when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:**

**Refrain:**

**His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;**

his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.  
 I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
 for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

2 "Let not your heart be troubled," his tender word I hear,  
 and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
 though by the path he leadeth, but one step I may see:

Refrain:

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
 his eye is on the sparrow and I know he watches me.  
 I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
 for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

3 Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,  
 when song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies,  
 I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free:

Refrain:

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
 his eye is on the sparrow and I know he watches me.  
 I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
 for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**\*Stand as able**

**Altar Flowers** today are given by the **Caldwell United Methodist Church** family to the **glory of God** and in celebration of **Paige Moeller's** birthday.