

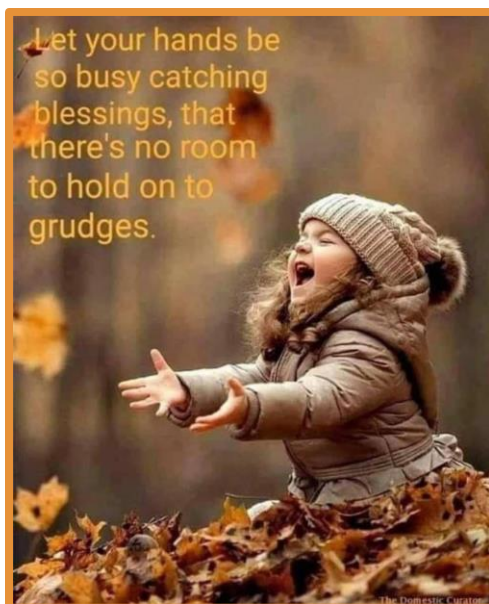
SUNDAY, October 23, 2022

20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Rev. Vivian L. Rodeffer, Pastor

Ms. Maxine Alstrom, Music Director



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Viv

*Gracious God, As we begin our worship we will unplug from daily life: from display screens and overload, from earphones and isolation. Instead we will reconnect to visions and dreams: meadows and pastures, hills and valleys, mountains and seas. Reconnect with Your bounty, O God. And we will be glad and rejoice. **Amen.***

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

From Psalm 65

Praise is due to you, O God, O you who answer prayer.

Happy are those who live in your courts—

**Those who are satisfied with the goodness
of your house and your holy temple.**

You are the hope of all things, Holy One,
from the ends of the earth to the farthest seas.

**You make the gateways of the evening
and the morning shout for joy.**

Rejoice in God, O people, and be glad.

Let us shout and sing together for joy.

***HYMN #152 "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"**

**1 I sing the mighty pow'r of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.**

**2 I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
Who formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.**

**3 There's not a plant or flow'r below, but makes Thy glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care;
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM United Methodist Hymnal, p.39ff

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

**From the least of us, to the greatest, Lord, we want to know you;
we yearn to follow where you lead us; we need your guidance.**

**But even as we listen for your direction, other voices compete for our
attention. Our thoughts drift far from your truth. Holy One, open our hearts
and minds. Teach, correct, and inspire us in the ways of your salvation.**

Silent meditation.

When we cry out, God helps us without delay.

Do not lose heart, for the Lord forgives our iniquity
and remembers our sin no more. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 18: 9-14

Reader, **Jeannie Laureano**

9 [Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' 13

But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

THE MESSAGE **What Our Prayers Reveal**

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Whatever challenges we face, O God, we have also known your many blessings. Accept these gifts as tokens of our thankfulness, that they may be used to share your bounty with those in need. 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!

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.

***HYMN #352** **"It's Me, It's Me, O Lord"**

REFRAIN

It's me it's me O Lord standing in the need of prayer
 It's me it's me O Lord standing in the need of prayer

**1 Not my brother not my sister
But it's me O Lord standing in the need of prayer
Not my brother not my sister
But it's me O Lord standing in the need of prayer
REFRAIN**

**2 Not the preacher not the deacon
But it's me O Lord standing in the need of prayer
Not the preacher not the deacon
But it's me O Lord standing in the need of prayer
REFRAIN**

**3 Not my father not my mother
But it is me O Lord standing in the need of prayer
Not my father not my mother
But it is me O Lord standing in the need of prayer**

***BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE**

***Stand as able.**

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TODAY is **Maeve Anastasia McCall** (092121), daughter of **Ashley Rose Lagrosa** and **Frank Robert McCall**, 63 Pier Lane, Fairfield, NJ 07004. Godmother is **Samantha Lagrosa**, Hillsdale, NJ and Godfather is **Kevin McCall**, West Milford, NJ. We pray God's blessings on little Maeve and her family!

CALENDAR

Monday, October 24	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Prayer/Discussion Group Church Council
Saturday, October 29	3:00-8:00PM	"Irreverend" Screening

FILM SCREENING THIS COMING SATURDAY!

Noelle Gizzi's web series "Irreverend" is finally ready to grace the screen at Caldwell UMC! Join us on Saturday, October 29th to watch the first-ever public viewing of "Irreverend." From 3-8 PM, all ten episodes will air. Episodes have a maximum rating of PG13, and they are all in good fun. Come on out to support your local artists and see your church brought to life on screen. Refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you here! Noelle Gizzi