

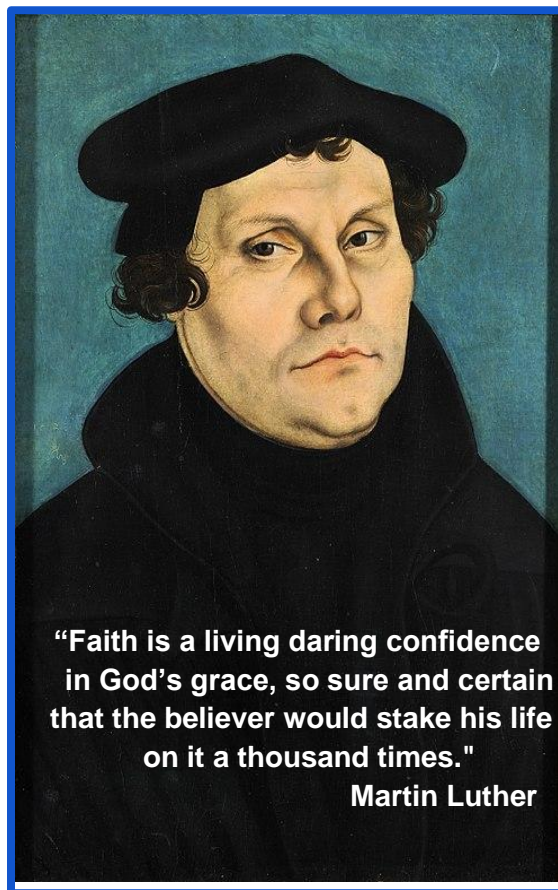
SUNDAY, October 30, 2022

REFORMATION SUNDAY

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

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever. **Amen.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Inspired by Psalm 119: 1-8

Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.

Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.

Come, let us love the Lord our God.

We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.

*HYMN #110

"A Mighty Fortress"

Martin Luther

1 A mighty Fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
 Our Helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
 For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
 His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
 On earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
 Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
 Lord Sabaoth His Name, from age to age the same,
 And He must win the battle.

3 And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:
 The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
 His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure,
 One little word shall fell him.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, thank You for the many precious promises You have made to Your people, Israel, and to those in the Body of Christ. I know that what You have started You will surely complete, to Your praise and glory. Please give me patience that I may use my time wisely, as I wait for the fulfilment of Your plans and purposes. I know Your timing is perfect.

Time for silent meditation.

God is with us as we wait. Do not despair or give up hope for grace and goodness will ultimately prevail over evil and suffering. Keep this promise in your heart. You are strengthened and forgiven. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4

1 The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. 2 O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?
 3 Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. 4 So the law becomes slack, and justice

never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore, judgment comes forth perverted.

1 I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint. 2 Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. 3 For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. 4 Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE MESSAGE

The Art of Waiting

"For there is still a vision for the appointed time...if it seems to tarry, wait for it." Habakkuk 2: 3

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious and holy God, accept what we offer today:
our checks and cash, our faltering steps,
our brokenness, our leftovers, our hope, our risking, our lives.
Bless and transform all that we offer that new life may be ours,
to celebrate and share in Jesus' name. 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 # 196*“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”**

**1 Come, Thou long expected Jesus born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

**2 Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

BENEDICTION** POSTLUDE*****Stand as able.****CALENDAR**

Monday, October 31	10:00 AM	Prayer/Discussion Group
Sunday, November 6	10:00 AM	All Saints Sunday

205 YEARS OF REFORMATION HISTORY

“When Martin Luther posted his ninety-five theses on October 31, 1517, he hoped to spark discussion and renewal within his beloved church. He wanted people to discover the wideness of God’s grace in Christ. He longed for them to see themselves as above all else baptized into Christ. The resulting movements led by Luther, John Calvin, Huldrych Zwingli, and other Reformers helped renew focus on Scripture, faith, grace, Christ, and God’s glory. It also led to persecution, death, conflict, and perpetual fragmentation among Christ’s body. Vatican II led to changes that help Roman Catholics and Protestants remember what we share as part of the church universal...our common gifts of baptism, the Lord’s Supper, and the Apostles’ Creed.”

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, November 6, 2022

On this Sunday each year we remember the cloud of witness who have gone before us and who worship with us. Our sacred space is filled with their memories that morning as we sing and pray, hear the message, share the bread and cup of communion along with them. Come, join us, pray, light a candle, rededicate yourself to the Lord’s service on November 2.

