

SUNDAY, November 20, 2022
Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006
Rev. Vivian L. Rodeffer, Pastor

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
Ms. Maxine Alstrom, Music Director



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Viv

*Sovereign Lord Jesus, come into our hearts today and take your reign. Remind us that your kingdom is a kingdom of hope and light, in which there is no darkness, fear, or sadness. You have called us to be the Kingdom people, living our lives in the knowledge that peace, justice, and hope are not only possible, but can actually be the ruling factor of the world, for those who follow you. **Amen.***

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, let us bow down and worship the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords.

At this birth the angels proclaimed it. He is the Wonderful Counselor, Lord Of Lords, King of Kings, the Prince of Peace.

Through his teaching and his life we have learned how to live to God.

By his death and resurrection we have been saved and claimed by God as witnesses to God's eternal love.

***HYMN #694**

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

**1 Come, ye thankful people, come;
 Raise the song of harvest home.
 All is safely gathered in
 Ere the winter storms begin.
 God, our Maker, doth provide
 For our wants to be supplied.**

**Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.**

**2 All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield,
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we know that we forget about you, we forget to love you, we forget to help our neighbors, we forget to thank you. Forgive us.

(a moment of silence for private confession)

Grant us clear minds to know you, new hearts to love you, strong hands to serve you. Help us live this day, this week, and always so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to you.

(a moment of silence)

God did not send Christ into the world to condemn the world, but to be its Savior. We can trust God's word. We are a forgiven people. **Thanks be to God!**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 23: 33-43

33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35 And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" 36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine 37 and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" 38 There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." 43 He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

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

CHOIR ANTHEM **“Salt and Light”** L.Daigle, L.Jordan & P.Mabury
Joyce Francavilla, Soloist Robb McCombe, Guitar

THE MESSAGE **Re-membered By Jesus**
“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” v.42

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

With gratitude for all the blessings you have poured into our lives, Lord Jesus, we come bringing these our gifts that they may be used in service to those in need. Bless these gifts and those who have given them, that they may truly be a blessing in your holy 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 #157** **“Jesus Shall Reign”**
1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

**3 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.**

**4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.**

**5 Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

Go now in peace. Bring the good news of God's eternal love, the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit to all you meet. Go in peace. Amen.

*** POSTLUDE**

***Stand as able.**

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of my beloved husband, **Jeff Woodcox** by Louise Woodcox.

CALENDAR

Monday, November 21	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Prayer/Discussion Group Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 22	4:30 PM 7:30 PM	NO Bell Choir Practice Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Notre Dame RCC, North Caldwell
Thursday, November 24		HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Friday, November 25		Church Office Closed
Sunday, November 27	10:00 AM	First Sunday of Advent