TUESDAY EVENING LENTEN DEVOTIONS Tuesday, March 22, 2022 7PM Caldwell United Methodist Church Caldwell, New Jersey

OPENING MUSIC

Maxine Alstrom, Music Director

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Rev. Vivian Rodeffer

TONIGHT'S SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were **all** under the cloud, and **all** passed through the sea, and **all** were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and **all** ate the same spiritual food, and **all** drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, **God was not pleased with most of them**, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that *we might not desire evil as they did*. Do not become idolaters as **some of them** did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as **some of them** did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as **some of them** did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as **some of them** did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

TONIGHT'S MESSAGE

Rev. Frederick Boyle

BREAKOUT ROOMS for discussion:

- 1. In the Scripture reading tonight, how do you identify with "ALL", "SOME OF THEM", and/or "God was not pleased with most of them"?
- 1. Does God not give you more than you can handle, or as much as you will need Jesus and the Holy Spirit to help you carry?

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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 BLESSING

Pastor Viv

Go from tonight to share that good news with all you meet. And may the blessing of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit be among you and within you. **Amen.**