

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

2nd SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Rd., Caldwell, NJ 07006

Rev. Vivian L. Rodeffer, Pastor

Ms. Maxine Alstrom, Musician



PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor Viv

A warm welcome to the Park UMC, Weehawkin for worshipping with us this morning.

INVOCATION

Awaken us Lord, to hear what you would say to us this day.
 Help us to open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts to your presence.
 Help us to know when it is your voice we are hearing
 Not our prejudices and desires.
 May Your church may rise up with renewed commitment
 in answer to Your call, that we may be instruments of your grace and love. **Amen.**

HYMN #454

“Open My Eyes”

**1. Open my eyes, that I may see
 Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
 Place in my hands the wonderful key
 That shall unclasp and set me free.**

Refrain

**Silently now I wait for Thee,
 Ready my God, Thy will to see,
 Open my eyes, illumine me,
 Spirit divine!**

**2. Open my ears, that I may hear
 Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;**

And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
Everything false will disappear.

Refrain

Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready my God, Thy will to see,
Open my ears, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

3. Open my mind, that I may read
More of Thy love in word and deed;
What shall I fear while yet Thou dost lead?
Only for light from Thee I plead.

Refrain

Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready my God, Thy will to see,
Open my mind, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

4. Open my mouth, and let me bear,
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share.

Refrain

Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready my God, Thy will to see,
Open my heart, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Megan Mead-Bracknell, Park UMC, Weehawken

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1: 43-51

Christie Pavlishin, Reader

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus

saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹ And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, ^[a] you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

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

BELL CHOIR **“All Creatures of Our God and King”** **Amy Hansen, Director**

MESSAGE **Travels with Jesus: Making Assumptions**
“Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” John 1: 46

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Merciful God, you provide us with many opportunities to follow Jesus’ teaching and to live as modern day disciples but we sometimes respond to your call with excuses. As we offer our hearts and our money, transform us so that we are able to hear and to respond to your call on our lives. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

THE 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 TFWS # 2162

“Grace Alone”

Every promise we can make
 Every prayer and step of faith
 Every difference we can make
 Is only by His grace.

Every mountain we will climb
 Every ray of hope we shine
 Every blessing left behind
 Is only by His grace.

Refrain

Grace alone Which God supplies
 Strength unknown He will provide
 Christ in us, our cornerstone
 We will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach
 Every heart we hope to teach
 Everywhere we share His peace
 Is only by His grace.

Every loving word we say
 Every tear we wipe away
 Every sorrow turned to praise
 Is only by His grace. *Refrain.*

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE****VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS****CALENDAR**

Monday, January 18 Martin Luther King Day/ OFFICE CLOSED

10- 10:30 AM West Essex Ministerium “Prayer for the Nation: Dr. King Day of Service and the Inauguration.” You will be emailed the zoom link.

Tuesday, January 19 7 PM ZOOM Zoom Church Council

Friday, January 22 4 - 6:30 PM Zoom Special Session of Annual Conference

Saturday, January 23 9 AM- 12:30 PM District Zoom Leadership Training

