

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021

3rd 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

Welcome to the Park UMC, Weehawken, worshipping with us this morning.

CALL TO WORSHIP

As we begin our service, we remind ourselves:

that it is not we who choose Christ,

but Christ who chooses us,

That we are not here because of our goodness

but because of Christ's grace,

That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

but to allow Christ to enlighten us, and to worship God

with heart, soul, mind and strength.

HYMN #398

"Jesus Calls Us"

**1. Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea;
day by day his voice still calls us
saying, 'Christian, follow me.'**

**2. In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these.'**

3. Jesus calls us: by your mercies,

Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts in glad obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Megan Mead-Bracknell, Park UMC, Weehawken

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1: 14-20

Joyce Francavilla, Reader

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

CUMC CHOIR

"Come, Just How You Are!"

Sabolik/ Kingsmore

<https://soundcloud.com/vivian-rodeffer/choir-come-just-as-you-are>

Come just as you are
Hear the spirit call
Come just as you are
Come and see
Come receive
Come and live forever

Come and see
Come receive
Come and live forever

Life Everlasting
Strength for today
Taste the living water
And never thirst again

Come just as you are
Hear the spirit call
Come just as you are
Come and see
Come receive
Come and live forever

Life Everlasting
Strength for today
Taste the living water
And never thirst again

Life Everlasting
Strength for today
Taste the living water
And never thirst again

Come just as you are
Don't you hear the spirit call?
Come just as you are
Come and see
Christ My King
Come and live forever more

MESSAGE**Travels with Jesus: Come, Just How You Are!**

"And immediately they left their nets and followed him." Mark 1:18

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

God of Deliverance, we pause during this time of worship to return to you our heart and some of the monetary riches that you have given to us. And, we are reminded to set our hearts and minds on your steadfast love because You alone are our rock, our fortress, and our salvation. We experience comforting solace in your refuge. Thanks be to God! 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 #344

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

1. Lord, you have come to the seashore,
neither searching for the rich nor the wise,
desiring only that I should follow.

Refrain

O, Lord, with your eyes set upon me,
gently smiling, you have spoken my name;
all I longed for I have found by the water,
at your side, I will seek other shores.

2. Lord, see my goods, my possessions;
in my boat you find no power, no wealth.
Will you accept, then, my nets and labor? *Refrain*

3. Lord, take my hands and direct them.
Help me spend myself in seeking the lost,
returning love for the love you gave me. *Refrain*

4. Lord, as I drift on the waters,
be the resting place of my restless heart,
my life's companion, my friend and refuge. *Refrain*

BENEDICTION

As the disciples walked with Christ so long ago, walk with Christ in your hearts and spirits. Feel the power of the Holy Spirit guiding your path. Know the love of God which is poured out for you and rejoice. Go in peace and may God's peace go with you. **Amen.**

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

Monday, January 25 10 AM PRAYER AND DISCUSSION GROUP