

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2022

6TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006

Rev. Vivian L. Rodeffer, Pastor

Ms. Maxine Alstrom, Music Director



WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Viv

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Based on Psalm 1

We rejoice and praise Your holy name today, O Lord,
Because you have kept us from a destructive path.
 We give thanks because Your word gives us hope,
And we reflect on Your word at all times.
 You are the Source of deep seated faith,
And our spirits are refreshed in your presence! Amen!

***HYMN #402**

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian in My Heart"

**1. Lord I want to be a Christian in my heart in my heart
 Lord I want to be a Christian in my heart in my heart
 In my heart in my heart
 Lord I want to be a Christian in my heart in my heart**

**2. Lord I want to be more loving in my heart in my heart
 Lord I want to be more loving in my heart in my heart
 In my heart in my heart
 Lord I want to be more loving in my heart in my heart**

3. Lord I want to be more holy in my heart in my heart
 Lord I want to be more holy in my heart in my heart
 In my heart in my heart
 Lord I want to be more holy in my heart in my heart

4. Lord I want to be like Jesus in my heart in my heart
 Lord I want to be like Jesus in my heart in my heart
 In my heart in my heart
 Lord I want to be like Jesus in my heart in my heart

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ.

We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love.

We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that. We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do.

A time for silent confession.

Friends, hear this good news and see the grace of God: You are forgiven. You are free to go and live in the light of love. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATION

KEN INGRA, CHAIR, FINANCE COMMITTEE

SCRIPTURE

LUKE 6: 17-26

CHRISTIE PAVLISHIN , READER

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you^[a] on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Blessed Assurance”

Aisha Lettsome, Soloist

THE MESSAGE THROUGH THE EYES OF JESUS: WHAT BLESSEDNESS IS

“Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven...” v.23

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

***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!**

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.

***HYMN TFWS #2036**

"Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks, because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.

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And now let the weak say 'I am strong',
let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us;
and now let the weak say 'I am strong',
let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks...

***BENEDICTION**

2 Corinthians 9:8

May God provide you with every blessing in abundance,
So that by always having enough of everything,
You may share abundantly in every good work. **Amen.**

CALENDAR

Monday, February 14

10 AM Zoom Prayer/Discussion Group

Tuesday, February 15

4 PM Bell Choir Practice

7 PM Choir Practice

7 PM Zoom Finance Meeting

8 PM Zoom Trustee Meeting