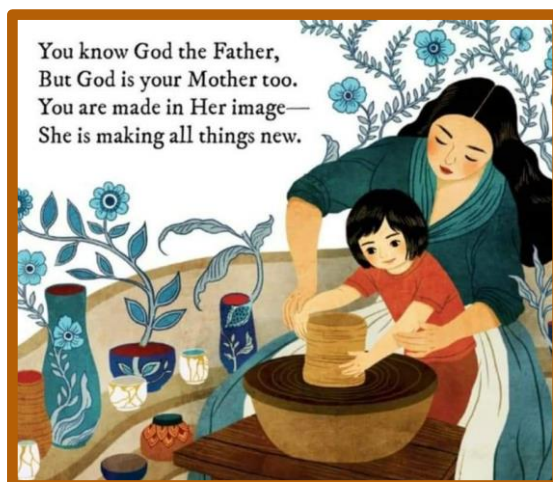


SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022 **5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006
Rev. Vivian L. Rodeffer, Pastor **Ms. Maxine Alstrom, Music Director**



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Viv

Gracious and Loving God, we are grateful that you have called us together this day, drawing us from darkness to the glory of your light. May our spirits rejoice at the good news you have for us today and open our hearts to your healing love, for we ask this in Christ's Name. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

UMH #861 [Psalm 148]

(SUNG RESPONSE #92 "Lord of All, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.)

Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all angels, praise him, all heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

(SUNG RESPONSE)

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for God commanded and they were created. God set them in place forever and ever; God gave a decree that will never pass away.

Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding. (SUNG RESPONSE)

You mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

**Wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,
Kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,
Young men and maidens, old men and children.**

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

**He has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his saints, of
Israel, the people close to his heart. (SUNG RESPONSE)**

***HYMN #92**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

**1. For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.**

**REFRAIN: Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

**2. For the wonder of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light. REFRAIN**

**3. For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild. REFRAIN**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient God, sometimes we are just too busy for our own good. We pledge ourselves to hectic schedules, demands on time, energy, and resources that erode all too quickly. We seem to be rushing through life. The cries of those in need often go unheeded in our blur of activities which sap our energy, our resources, our spirits. Slow us down a bit, Lord. Remind us again that we are responsible for the care of this world, for reaching out and offering your healing love. *Silent Confession*

Wherever you are, Christ is with you. You are beloved of God and God’s care will always surround you. Be at peace and rejoice! **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 21: 1-6

Robb McCombe, Reader

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard

a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” 5 He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” 6 He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

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

CHOIR

“Down to the River to Pray”

arr. by Sheldon Curry

THE MESSAGE

ALL THINGS NEW

"I am making all things new!" v.5

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

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 #641**

“Fill My Cup, Lord”

Fill my cup Lord, I lift it up, Lord.

Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.

Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;

Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole. [Sing 3X]

***BENEDICTION**

May the love of God which was lavished upon you by Jesus Christ be in your hearts, your minds, and your spirits as you go forth into God's world. Be bearers of peace and hope to all you meet, and may God's peace be with you always. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE***Stand as able.****CALENDAR**

Monday, May 16	10 AM Zoom Prayer/Discussion Group 7 PM Zoom with Bergen Point Church—Pastor Viv
Tuesday, May 17	4 PM NO Bell Choir Practice 4 PM Centenary Fund and Preachers Aid Society, Pastor Viv
Thursday, May 19	6:30 PM Dist. Comm. on Superintendency, Pastor Viv 7 PM Choir Practice
Sunday, May 22	10 AM WORSHIP
Monday, May 23	8:30 AM-1 PM Greater New Jersey Zoom Annual Conference
Tuesday, May 24	8:30 AM-1:30 PM Annual Conference Continues

VOICE ARTICLES are due Friday, May 27 to Ellen in the church office.

PENTECOST SUNDAY is June 5th! Celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit by purchasing a red geranium to decorate the sanctuary. Plants are \$10 per pot. Please make checks payable to Caldwell United Methodist Church or order and pay online at caldwellchuch.org. There are order forms on the table in the lobby. Orders must be received by Sunday, May 29.