

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Viv

*O Lord, meet us here today and teach us to be one:
 One in love for each other
 One in understanding and peace with all who find in Jesus the Way to You.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus, whose fervent prayer was ever:
 "May they all be one." Amen*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us delight in the law of the Lord.

Our joy is found in the love of God and neighbor.

Come, let us be nourished by the Living Water.

Together, we will worship the One who enables us to thrive.

HYMN #526

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

1. What a friend we have in Jesus

All our sins and griefs to bear

What a privilege to carry

Everything to God in prayer

2. Oh, what peace we often forfeit

Oh, what needless pain we bear

All because we do not carry

Everything to God in prayer

3. Have we trials and temptations?**Is there trouble anywhere?****We should never be discouraged****Take it to the Lord in prayer****4. Can we find a friend so faithful****Who will all our sorrows share?****Jesus knows our every weakness****Take it to the Lord in prayer****CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****Megan Mead-Bracknell****SCRIPTURE****John 17: 6-19****Christie Pavlishin, Reader***Jesus prays to God for his disciples.*

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.

¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word

is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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

CUMC CHOIR

“The Sparrow’s Song”

<https://soundcloud.com/vivian-rodeffer/choir-the-sparrows-song-words>

MESSAGE

JESUS PRAYS FOR US

“I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.” [v. 9]

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Gracious God, we desire to be sanctified in your grace like the disciples. Open our hearts and our hands to respond to giving appeals in a generous manner. Give us the courage to embrace a lifestyle centered in your teaching, rather than one dictated by marketing trends or unhealthy spending habits. We offer you these gifts as an act of responding to you in faith. Amen.

THE MORNING PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor Karen

Please note that prayers can be submitted anytime 24/7 on our new website and received immediately by the pastor on her phone. Select “PRAY” at the top of the homepage and fill in your request. Thank you.

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 #138

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

**1. The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.**

**2. Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.**

3. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
 With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
 Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
 Thy cross before to guide me.

4. And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 Within thy house for ever.

BENEDICTION

“Fill us then with love,
 and let us be bound together with love as we go our diverse ways,
 united in this one spirit which makes you present in the world,
 and makes you witness to the ultimate reality that is love.
 Love has overcome. Love is victorious. “

~ written by Thomas Merton (1915-1968)

POSTLUDE

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR AND FELLOWSHIP

Calendar

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| Monday, May 17 | 10:00 AM Zoom Prayer/ Discussion Group |
| Tuesday, May 18 | 7:00 PM Zoom Church Council Meeting
<i>All are invited to join in this meeting as we are making protocols for reopening our church. Invitation below.</i> |
| Sunday, May 23 | 10:00 AM Pentecost Sunday Zoom Worship
<i>We invite everyone to wear something red and to have a candle to light to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the early church!</i> |

Join Church Council Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81260795437?pwd=YWlKaERKdk4zUXRpUmI5MjBBRUx5Zz09>

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