

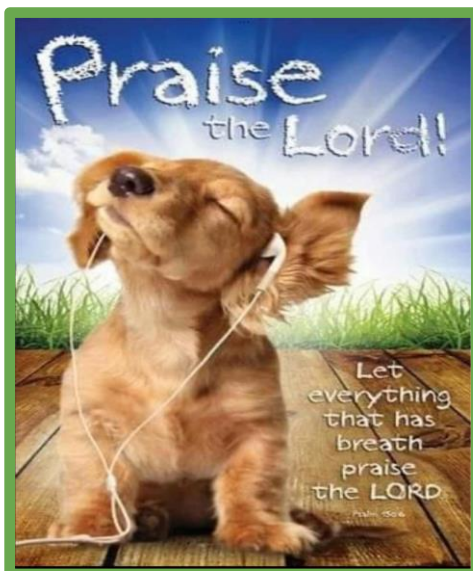
SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022

6th 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

Lord, "By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered, and confidently waiting, come what may, we know that you are with us night and morning, and never fail to greet each new day." Amen.

(From Hymn #517, Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 67

God, our God, be good to us and bless us, make your face to shine upon us.

Make your ways known in all the earth, show your saving power in all the nations.

God, our God, has been good to us and blessed us.

God is blessing us now and will keep on blessing.

All you peoples – praise our God!

All you nations – be glad, sing for joy!

For God rules with justice and peace and guides all the nations. God brings forth goodness on the earth.

All you peoples – praise our God! To the very ends of the earth –honor and rejoice in God!

HYMN #185*“When Morning Gilds the Skies”**

1. When morning gilds the skies
 my heart awakening cries:
 May Jesus Christ be praised!
 Alike at work and prayer,
 to Jesus I repair:
 May Jesus Christ be praised!

2. The night becomes as day
 when from the heart we say:
 May Jesus Christ be praised!
 The powers of darkness fear
 when this sweet chant they hear:
 May Jesus Christ be praised!

3. Let all the earth around
 ring joyous with the sound:
 May Jesus Christ be praised!
 In heaven's eternal bliss
 the loveliest strain is this:
 May Jesus Christ be praised!

4. Be this, while life is mine,
 my canticle divine:
 May Jesus Christ be praised!
 Be this th' eternal song
 through all the ages long:
 May Jesus Christ be praised!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole.

A time of silent confession.

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. Alleluia! **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE**John 14: 23-29****Glenn Durocher, Reader**

23 Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

25 “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. 28 You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. 29 And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Robb McCombe and Maxine Alstrom

THE MESSAGE

AT HOME WITH GOD

“...We will come to them and make our home with them.” 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. Amen.

***HYMN #540**

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

1. I love thy kingdom, Lord,
the house of thine abode,
the church our blest Redeemer saved
with his own precious blood.

2. I love thy church, O God!
Her walls before thee stand
dear as the apple of thine eye,
and graven on thy hand.

3. For her my tears shall fall,
for her my prayers ascend,
to her my cares and toils be given,
till toils and cares shall end.

4. Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways,
her sweet communion, solemn vows,
her hymns of love and praise.

5. Sure as thy truth shall last,
to Zion shall be given
the brightest glories earth can yield,
and brighter bliss of heaven.

***BENEDICTION**

The grace of the Word of life rest upon you;
the love of the Source of life embrace you;
and the transforming power of the Breath of life
help, strengthen and surprise you,
this day and all your days. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

***Stand as able.**

FLOWERS TODAY are shared by Sandy Marty from her husband's memorial service.

CALENDAR

Monday, May 23	8:30 AM	GNJ Zoom Annual Conference
	10 AM	NO Prayer/Discussion Group
	7 PM	Zoom Church Council
Tuesday, May 24	8:30 AM	Annual Conference Continues
	4 PM	Bell Choir Practice
Thursday, May 26	7 PM	Choir Practice
Friday, May 27	ALL VOICE ARTICLES DUE!	
Sunday, May 29	10 AM	WORSHIP
Monday, May 30	MEMORIAL DAY—Church Office Closed	