

**SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

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

**Rev. Vivian L. Rodeffer, Pastor**

**Ms. Maxine Alstrom, Music Director**



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND INVOCATION**

**Pastor Viv**

A centering prayer will be shared.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

**For God has done wondrous things for us.**

Come Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind

**That we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.**

For Christ has called each one of us and blessed us!

**Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.**

Help us to boldly proclaim Christ Risen. **Amen!**

**HYMN #384**

**“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of Heav'n to earth come down;  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
All thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit  
Into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit;  
Let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning;

**Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.**

- 3. Finish, then, Thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee;  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in Heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**Gracious God, Even after the crucifixion and the resurrection, we would rather be silent than proclaim the power of your love. We fear so much. We hold back on the proclamation of our faith. We don't want to offend anyone. But your love and presence are not offensive. They are empowering and healing. Bring your holy fire upon us this day to ignite a spark of joy in our hearts and in our voices. Bring the power of your rushing wind through our spirits that we may be turned in new directions for service and witness.**

*A time of silent reflection.*

God's awesome love is offered to you, even when you fear or are unsure of your faith. Know that God is with you. Be not afraid. Hallelujah! **Amen.**

#### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Megan Mead-Brackness**

#### **DOW RICH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION**

**Christine Waddington, Trustee**

This year's recipient is **Dana Stelter**. We pray God's blessings upon her!

#### **SCRIPTURE**

**Acts 2: 1-13**

**Ann Calvin , Reader**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native



2. When He first the work begun, small and feeble was His day:  
 Now the word doth swiftly run; now it wins its widening way:  
 More and more it spread and grows, ever mighty to prevail;  
 Sin's strongholds it now o'erthrows, shakes the trembling gates of hell.

3. Saw ye not the cloud arise, little as a human hand?  
 Now it spreads along the skies, hangs o'er all the thirsty land:  
 Lo! the promise of a shower drops already from above;  
 But the Lord will shortly pour all the spirit of His love.

#### BENEDICTION

(inspired by John 14:27)

May the advocate, God's Holy Spirit,  
 sent in Christ's name,  
 teach you and remind you of Christ's words.

Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
 Do not be afraid.  
 Christ's peace go with you  
 Christ peace, that the world cannot take away, be with you  
 Christ's peace, and the Spirit's presence,  
 remain with you always. **Amen.**

#### POSTLUDE



### **VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### CALENDAR

Monday, May 24

NO Zoom Prayer Group Today  
 9 AM-12:30 PM Zoom Annual Conference

Tuesday, May 25

8:30 AM-12:30 PM Zoom Annual Conference

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVING YOUR FISH N CHIPS DINNERS IS FAST APPROACHING!**