SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022 MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY 7th 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 god, On this Memorial Day weekend we ask for your blessing upon the souls of those good women and men who gave their last breath in defense of our nation, our freedom, and our children's future. Bless us gathered here today and grant us the strength to rise to the challenges of our time and to meet them in full faith that you will always be with us. May we glorify you in all we do, Lord, today and every day. **Amen.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Though many places in the world are bound in war.

The peace of God is poured out for all people.

Though discord, struggle and violence have become factors in the lives of the people.

The love of God is lavished on all people.

Let us praise the God of love and peace.

Let us listen for God's words of peace and justice for all people.

*HYMN #304 "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

1. Easter people raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring Christ has brought us Heaven's choices. Heavenly music let it ring Alleluia. Alleulia. Easter people let us sing. 2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe Alleluia. Alleluia. On to victory now we go.

3. Every day to us is Easter with its resurrection song When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong Alleluia. Alleluia. See the power of heavenly throngs.

GATHERED PRAYER

Almighty One, We confess that we are caught up in our own timelines. We want to see promises fulfilled in our lifetime: an end to poverty, violence and corruption, the saving of our earth from climate change, the powerless lifted up and the powerful brought down. We want peace on earth now, and to live in harmony the rest of our days. Like the disciples, we confess that we desire Your kingdom to come to earth with worldly power, but don't work for this to happen. Call us into Your ways, and to know that while we may not see the fulfillment in our lifetime, our work is necessary. Our love matters, and all that we strive for will make a difference for Your reign. For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

John 17: 1-26

Pastor Karen, Reader

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. 5 So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

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. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, 8 for 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. 9 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. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. 11 And 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. 12 While 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. 13 But 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. 14 I 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. 15 I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. 16 They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 17 Sanctify 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.

20 "I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. 24 Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

25 "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them."

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

CHOIR ANTHEM "The Lord Began a Good Work In You" Mark Patterson

THE MESSAGE JESUS PRAYS FOR US

"...The love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them." v. 26

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 #717

"The Battle Hymn of the Republic" Bell Choir, Congregation and Maxine Alstrom

1)First time through bell choir and piano play without singing

2) Congregation Sings Verses 1 and 2 with piano

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored He have loosed the fateful lightening of His terrible swift sword His truth is marching on. REFRAIN Glory, glory Hallelujah Glory, glory Hallelujah Glory, glory Hallelujah His truth is marching on

I have seen him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps I have read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps His truth is marching on. REFRAIN

3) Congregation Sings Verse 4 a capella

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me As He died to make us holy, let us die to make all free His truth is marching on. REFRAIN

4) Bell Choir and piano play as congregation sings Verse 5

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword His truth is marching on. REFRAIN

*BENEDICTION

Beloved of God, go to be a blessing. Bring the good news of forgiveness and healing to this hurting, lonely world. Bring hope to all, for God's love is poured out for all God's people. **Amen.**

* POSTLUDE	*Stand as able.
	CALENDAR
Monday, May 30	MEMORIAL DAY-CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 9 AM Caldwell Seniors Parade Watch Here 10 AM NO PRAYER/DISCUSSION GROUP
Thursday, June 2	7 PM Choir Practice
Sunday, June 5	10 AM PENTECOST WORSHIP-Wear Red!
Monday, June 6	10 AM ZOOM Prayer/ Discussion Group 7 PM ZOOM Nurture/ Outreach/ Mission Mtg
Wednesday, June 8	7:30 PM ZOOM Golf Outing Meeting