SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022 **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

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 generous God, we come with renewed energy to worship this day, grateful for the gift of your Spirit. Open our minds, our hearts, our hands and our lives, that we might receive your gifts and rejoice! Blow into our weariness the breath of new life. Let our congregation be set aflame once more empowered to share the Good News of your love with all we meet. Transform us once more! **Amen.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Spirit descends like a dove, bringing peace to unite the world.

The Spirit comes like a breath, bringing life to renew the people of God.

The Spirit spreads like fire, bringing energy for all who bear witness to the love of God.

May the Spirit of the living God come to us, and transform us, in Pentecost power!

***HYMN #539 "O Spirit of the Living God"**

1 O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.

2 Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.

Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal,
to preach to all thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal.

3 Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear,
the language all may understand when love speaks loud and clear;
till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one,
and earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done.

4 So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save;
so shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole;
till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Spirit, we're not sure we're ready for your awesome power to blow through our lives; we're grown comfortable with our familiar habits and our bland routines; we're afraid to give up our waking slumber and face the truth that we do not truly live. When we cling to our ways and the safety of familiar paths, wake us up, shake us up, heat us up, and breathe your life into us.
Walk with us, O God, and give us the courage to follow the way that is lit by the fire of your Spirit. On this Day of Pentecost, we pray for the audacity to ride the winds of change.

Time for silent confession.

Hear these words of Jesus: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. . . . Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." In the midst of our fears and doubts, the peace of the Holy Spirit will prevail.

SCRIPTURE **From Acts 2** **Jayvyn Matthew, Reader**

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 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. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each…. 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" …14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed

them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say…. This is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17 ‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh...
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.
21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

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

THE CHOIR “Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove” John Purifoy

THE MESSAGE WINGS AND SAILS

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR OFFERINGS 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.

THE LORD’S SUPPER [See the insert.]

PRAYER AFTER THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this Holy Mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN TFWS #2237 “As a Fire is Meant for the Burning”**

1 As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,

so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.

2 We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle loving actions, we would show that Christ is light.
in a humble, listening spirit, we would live to God's delight.

3 As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness mid earth's peoples many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.

***BENEDICTION**

The God who made this amazing universe is creating you anew every day. Jesus Christ, the resurrected One, offers you peace that never dies. The Holy Spirit is setting your hearts on fire—right here, right now. Go in peace, and be transformed, that you may change the world. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE ***Stand as able.**

THE RED GERANIUMS IN THE CHURCH this morning are given to the **Glory of God** this Pentecost Sunday by Karen Gazzillo, Amy Hansen, Ellen Elcavage; Joan Coleman, Jane Vogelsang, Cathy and Doug Wallace, Betsy Molisso, Louise Woodcox, Doreen Boyer, L. Paige Moeller, and Vivian Rodeffer.

CALENDAR

Monday, June 6	**10 AM**	**Zoom Prayer/Discussion Group**
	7 PM	**Zoom NOW Meeting**
Tuesday, June 7	**12 PM**	**West Essex Ministerium at St. Aloysius**
Wednesday, June 8	**11 AM**	**Pride Flag Ceremony, Caldwell Green**
	7:30 PM	**Golf Outing Meeting**
Thursday, June 9	**7 PM**	**Choir Rehearsal**
Sunday, June 12	**10 AM**	**Worship and Zoom Worship, Scholarship Presentations, Golf Outing Kickoff**

June 5, 2022 Insert for Pentecost Sunday

Communion Liturgy

All who love the Lord Jesus Christ or wish to know Him better are invited to share in communion. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. This is the table of the Lord. He invites all who love him and trust in him alone for their salvation to sit with him and share in this joyful feast.

In this supper God tells us that our sins have been completely forgiven through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross where his body was broken and his blood was shed. God also tells us that the Holy Spirit makes us one with Christ, and in Christ one with all other Christians.

Come, then, people of God, to the joyful feast of our Lord.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Loving God, You made this world marvelous for us to enjoy.
You gave Jesus to be our Savior, Lord, and friend, and to bring us to you.
You send your Spirit to make us one family in Christ.
For these gifts of love we thank you
and join with angels and saints in this joyful hymn of praise:

[Sung or spoken]
Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

For your kindness to us and your goodness to all,
We give you thanks.
We thank you that you showed your love by sending your Son,
who gave his life for us,
and rose again from death,
and lives to pray for us forever.
We thank you that he has brought us together at this table,
to strengthen us by his love.

Lord, Send your Holy Spirit
on us and these your gifts of bread and wine,
that we may know Christ's presence,
real and true,
and be his faithful followers,
showing your love for the world.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever. **Amen.**

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. We remember and believe that the body of our Lord Jesus Christ was given for the complete forgiveness of all our sins. Take and eat. Time for silent prayer.

The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ. We remember and believe that the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ was shed for the complete forgiveness of all our sins. Take and drink. Time for silent prayer.