

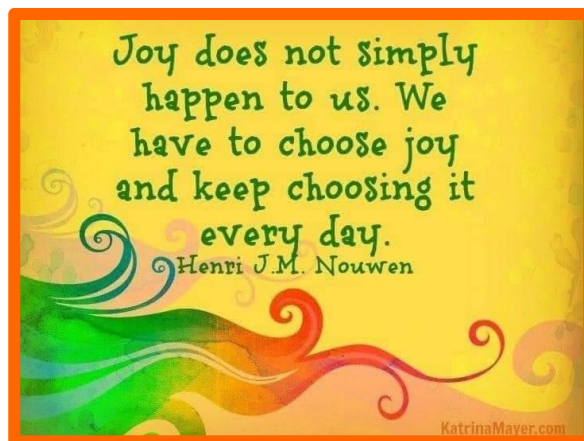
SUNDAY, June 6, 2021

2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

This is a day of new beginnings!

This is a time for growing into new disciples for Jesus.

Come, let us prepare ourselves for worship

Let us worship God.

HYMN #126

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation;
with healing balm my soul he fills,
and every faithless murmur stills:
to God all praise and glory.

What God's almighty power hath made,
his gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.

Within the kingdom of his might,
 lo! all is just and all is right:
 to God all praise and glory.

Then all my gladsome way along
 I sing aloud thy praises,
 that men may hear the grateful song
 my voice unwearied raises:
 be joyful in the Lord, my heart!
 Both soul and body bear your part!
 To God all praise and glory.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Megan Mead-Bracknell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Merciful God, We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will. We have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love We have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All pray in silence.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! **Amen.**

MISSION MOMENT

"The 16th Annual Golf Outing"

Ken Ingra

To benefit the church and the West Essex First Aid Squad.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 138 from The Message

Christie Pavlishin, Reader

¹⁻³ Thank you! Everything in me says "Thank you!"

Angels listen as I sing my thanks.

I kneel in worship facing your holy temple

and say it again: "Thank you!"

Thank you for your love,

thank you for your faithfulness;

Most holy is your name,

most holy is your Word.

The moment I called out, you stepped in;

you made my life large with strength.

⁴⁻⁶ When they hear what you have to say, GOD,

all earth's kings will say "Thank you."

They'll sing of what you've done:

"How great the glory of God!"

And here's why: GOD, high above, sees far below;
 no matter the distance, he knows everything about us.
⁷⁻⁸ When I walk into the thick of trouble,
 keep me alive in the angry turmoil.
 With one hand
 strike my foes,
 With your other hand
 save me.
 Finish what you started in me, GOD.
 Your love is eternal—don't quit on me now.

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

CUMC CHOIR

"Give Thanks"

<https://soundcloud.com/vivian-rodeffer/choir-give-thanks#t=0:59>

MESSAGE

PANDEMIC PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

*"Thank you! Everything in me says **thank you!**" v.1*

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

We give thanks to you, O God. We are thankful for your steadfast love. We praise you by singing; we praise you through prayer; we praise you in service. This offering is praise – an opportunity to practice generosity. We pray that these gifts may help our church fulfill its purpose. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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

Please have juice and bread available to join in virtual communion this morning.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

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 #617

"I Come With Joy"

I come with joy, a child of God,
 forgiven, loved and free,
 the life of Jesus to recall,
 in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
 to find, as all are fed,
 the new community of love
 in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
 each proud division ends.
 The love that made us, makes us one,
 and strangers now are friends.

Together met, together bound
 by all that God has done,
 we'll go with joy, to give the world
 the love that makes us one.

BENEDICTION

Romans 15: 13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

POSTLUDE

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR

Monday, June 7

10 AM Zoom Prayer Group

6 PM Zoom District Committee on the Superintendency

PASTOR'S VACATION: Thursday, June 10 through Tuesday June 29, Pastor Viv is on vacation. **FOR EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE** please call Rev Frederick Boyle at 609-577-3604. He will be handling all calls during the pastor's vacation.