

SUNDAY, June 27, 2021

5th 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

Rev. Phil Covert

*Welcome, Rev. Covert, and thank you for leading the service
and sharing today's message. It is always good to welcome you "home."*

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has set this day before us,
A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.
 God has set our lives before us,
A span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.
 God has set God's seal upon our hearts,
So that we might live fully in deep love.
 Let us worship God.

HYMN #500

"Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart"

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
 Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move.
 Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
 And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

2. Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King?
 All, all Thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.
 I see Thy cross; there teach my heart to cling:
 Oh, let me seek Thee, and, oh, let me find!

**3. Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.**

**4. Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The kindling of the heav'n-descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Megan Mead-Bracknell

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14: 13-21

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¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

"All Creatures Great and Small"

CUMC Bell Choir, Amy Hansen, Director Ed Alstrom, Organ

MESSAGE

Forget to Remember

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OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

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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 morning we praise you with the offerings of our hearts and our financial gifts. Multiply all of our gifts that your kingdom may increase and prosper. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

THE MORNING PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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 #347**"Spirit Song"**

1. Oh, let the Son of God enfold you
 with his Spirit and his love;
 Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
 Oh, let him have the things that hold you,
 and his Spirit, like a dove,
 Will descend upon your life and make you whole.
 Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
 Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

2. Oh, come and sing the song with gladness
 as your hearts are filled with joy.
 Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
 Oh, give him all your tears and sadness,
 give him all your years of pain,
 And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.
 Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
 Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

3. Oh, let the Son of God enfold you
 with his Spirit and his love;
 Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
 Oh, let him have the things that hold you,
 and his Spirit, like a dove,
 Will descend upon your life and make you whole.
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BENEDICTION

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*The Lord bless you and keep you;**the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;**the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.—Numbers 6:24–26***POSTLUDE****VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

You are invited to share your announcements during this time of fellowship.

PASTOR'S VACATION: Pastor Viv is on vacation through Tuesday, June 29.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet this Tuesday, June 29 by Zoom at 7 PM to discuss a reopening timetable.

FOR EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE please call Rev Frederick Boyle at 609-577-3604. He will be handling calls during the pastor's vacation.