

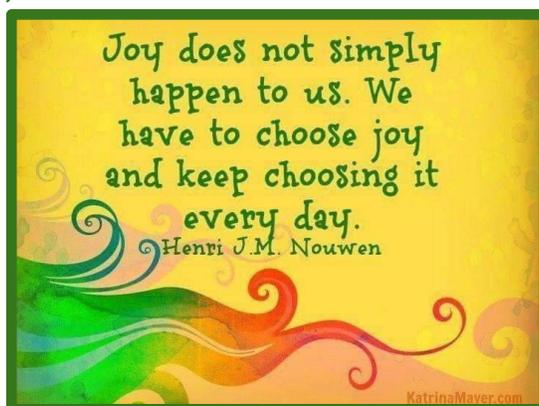
SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022

5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Our hope is in you, Lord, our hearts belong to heaven. Our hope comes from the gospel, the word of the truth that you brought to us. May it bear abundant fruit in our lives. Let the whole world be filled with your hope! Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

May we be full of the knowledge of God's will,
In all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

**May we live lives worthy of the Lord,
May we bear fruit in every good work.**

May we grow in the knowledge of God,
May we be strong with God's glorious strength,
**May we endure everything with patience,
Joyfully giving thanks to God our Creator,
And Christ Jesus the Son.**

*HYMN #732

"Come, We That Love the Lord"

Isaac Watts, 1707

1 Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
and thus surround the throne.

2 Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King

may speak their joys abroad.

**3 The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the golden streets.**

**4 Then let our songs abound,
and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole.

Time of silence.

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Alleluia! **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 2: 6-15

Jayvyn Matthew, Reader

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

8 Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. 11 In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; 12 when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, 14 erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He

disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE MESSAGE Part Three: JOY, ABOUNDING IN GRATITUDE

“...Established in the faith...abounding in thanksgiving.” Col. 2: 7

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Sower of all life, in this summer season of abundance, we offer our heartfelt thanks. Thank you for seeds of promise you have sown in the soil of our lives. Bless our gifts of service of your people and our gifts of generosity. Amen

***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 TFWS# 2045 “Sing a New Song to the Lord”**

**1 Sing a new song to the Lord,
he to whom wonders belong;
rejoice in his triumph and tell of his power,
O sing to the Lord a new song!**

**2 Now to the ends of the earth
see his salvation is shown;
and still he remembers his mercy and truth,
unchanging in love to his own.**

**3 Sing a new song and rejoice,
publish his praises abroad;
let voices in chorus, with trumpet and horn,
resound for the joy of the Lord!**

**4 Join with the hills and the sea
thunders of praise to prolong;
in judgment and justice he comes to the earth,
O sing to the Lord a new song!**

***BENEDICTION**

Lead lives pleasing to the Lord and worthy of our calling. Bear fruit in good works of every kind, as we grow in the knowledge of God. Be strong in the glorious might of the Lord, who gives us power to endure everything with patience and joy.

Do not grow weary in doing what is right, for you will reap a great harvest if you do not give up. Sow in the Spirit and reap the blessings of God. Go in peace. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

***Stand as able.**

CALENDAR

Monday, July 11

6:30 PM Zoom Dist. Comm. on Superintendency

Wednesday, July 13

7:30 PM Zoom Golf Outing Meeting

VACATION DATES Pastor Viv will be on vacation Thursday, July 14 through Wednesday, August 3. Please call the church office # 973-226-4410 if you have an emergency and Ellen will contact the pastor on call.

UPCOMING PREACHERS

Sunday, July 17 Rev. Karen Gazzillo

Sunday, July 24 Rev. Frederick Boyle

Sunday, July 31 Rev. Frederick Boyle

Sunday, August 7 Rev. Barbara Stevens-Rich

FLOWER MINISTRY

To place flowers on the altar area “in memory of,” “in honor of,” or “in celebration of,” sign up on the flower chart outside of the kitchen. There can be more than one bouquet. The cost is \$15. Give your check and information to **Louise Woodcox** (973-464-8476) or to Ellen Elcavage in the church office (973-226-1094).