

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, NJ 07006

Rev. Vivian L. Rodeffer, Pastor

Ms. Maxine Alstrom, Music Director



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Karen Gazzillo

O God, our Guide and Guardian,
You have led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of your house.

Grant us grace to worship you in spirit and in truth, to the comfort of our souls
and the upbuilding of every good purpose and holy desire.

Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us, that we may not fear the
coming of night, when we shall resign into your hands the tasks which you have committed to
us.

So may we worship you not with our lips at this hour but in word and deed all the days of our
lives through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

***HYMN #451**

"BE THOU MY VISION"

**1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light**

**2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord'
Thou and thou only, first in my heart
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**3. Great God of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!**

**Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Book of Worship #482 Cecil Kerr, Northern Ireland, 20th Century

**Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace
Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love.
Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance,
And to bow to one another in real forgiveness.**

**By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts
And consume the pride and prejudice which separate us.**

**Fill us, O Lord with your perfect love, which casts out our fear
And bind us together in that unity
Which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen**

SCRIPTURE

COLOSSIANS 1:15-28

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him, God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death; so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God’s commission that was given to me for you to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE MESSAGE

Open Our Hearts

Pastor Karen

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Loving God, help us on our journey to open our hearts and to share with others. Guide us Lord to see what is needed and to show our love for you; in sharing all our gifts with your people.
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

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 #463**

"LORD SPEAK TO ME"

- 1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in
Living echoes of thy tone; as thou has sought, so
Let me seek thine erring children lost and lone.**
- 2. O strengthen me, that while I stand firm
On the rock and strong in thee, I may stretch out a
Loving hand to wrestlers with the troubled sea.**
- 3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the
Precious things thou dost impart and wing my words, that
They may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.**

**4. O fill me with thy fullness, Lord, until
My very heart o'er-flow in kindling thought and
Glowing word, thy love to tell thy praise to show.**

**5. O use me Lord, use even me, just
As thou wilt, and when, and where,
until thy blessed face I see, thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.**

***BENEDICTION**

Almighty and all loving God
Through your Son Jesus Christ
You have reconciled the world to yourself.
Help us now to be reconciled with one another,
That again we might dwell in the warmth of your love.
Inspire us with your Holy Spirit
To put aside the cloak of pride and put on Christ
That we might forgive and be forgiven
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

POSTLUDE

***Stand as able.**

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 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 (973-226-4410).