

SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022

7th 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

Gracious and Loving God, we are grateful that you have called us together this day, drawing us from darkness to the glory of your light. May our spirits rejoice at the good news you have for us today and open our hearts to your healing love, for we ask this in Christ's Name. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Frederick Boyle

Then God said, "Let there be light";

And there was light.

And God saw that the light was good;

And God separated the light from the darkness.

God called the light Day,

And the darkness he called Night.

And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

***HYMN #437**

"THIS IS MY SONG"

1. This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine.
But other hearts in other lands are beating,
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

2. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,

and sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine;
 but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
 and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
 O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.

3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms,
 Thy kingdom come, on earth thy will be done.
 Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
 And hearts united learn to live as one.
 O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations,
 myself I give thee, let thy will be done.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Though I cannot comprehend your justice that flows through eternity and among all living creatures, I give thanks and praise that I can study your Word, listen to your prophets, and follow your commandments. According to your mercy, Lord, I seek your forgiveness as I enter into your presence in worship and prayer. May your justice be kind to me and help me to grow in love. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen

Time of silence.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1: 1-5

¹In the beginning when God created^[a] the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God^[b] swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE MESSAGE

"When there was not..."

Rev. Frederick Boyle

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Pastor Karen

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 #420*“BREATHE ON ME BREATH OF GOD”**

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
 fill me with life anew,
 that I may love what thou dost love,
 and do what thou wouldst do.

2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
 until my heart is pure,
 until with thee I will one will,
 to do and to endure.

3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
 till I am wholly thine,
 till all this earthly part of me
 glows with thy fire divine.

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
 so shall I never die,
 but live with thee the perfect life
 of thine eternity.

***BENEDICTION**

Bear witness to the love of God in this world so that those to whom love is a stranger,
 will find in you generous friends. May the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus
 Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, be yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

***Stand as able.**

Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthdays of **Ruth Carrara** and **Clarice Bagnall** by Amy Hansen.

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 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 (973-227-2924) or to Ellen Elcavage in the church office (973-226-1094). Please place your order by the Wednesday before the Sunday you would like the flowers.