

**SUNDAY, July 25, 2021**

**Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Rd., Caldwell, NJ 07006  
Rev. Vivian L. Rodeffer, Pastor**

**9<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Ms. Maxine Alstrom, Music Director**



## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME AND INVOCATION**

**Pastor Viv**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, let us praise God, who promises forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace.

**Let us praise Christ, who is present with us to trial and rejoicing.**

Let us praise the Spirit, who encourages us in the struggle for justice and peace.

**We sing together in thanksgiving with all the faithful throughout time!**

## **HYMN UMH # 103 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

**1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might,  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**

**4. Great God of all glory, great God of all light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.**

#### **CENTERING PRAYER**

**Eternal God, We long for truths that are lasting, yet we want our faith to be alive to the people and problems of today. As we sail forward in an ever changing world, may faith in Christ be our anchor, and your love be our guide, through the presence and power of the Spirit. Amen.**

#### **SCRIPTURE**

**Ephesians 3: 14-21**

**Christie Pavlishin, Reader**

*St. Paul's Prayer for Us*

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, **so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.**

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

#### **MESSAGE**

**"A Prayer for Boundless Grace"**

*"...so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3: 19b*

**OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD**

Awesome God, when we share resources with care-giving ministries like Rise Against Hunger or Bridges or Family Promise, your hand is upon our shoulders. Thank you for giving us opportunities to change lives by becoming generous caregivers of the resources that you first gave to us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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

Pastor Karen

*Submit prayers anytime 24/7 on our website [caldwellchurch.org](http://caldwellchurch.org) by selecting "PRAYER" near the top of the homepage and filling in your request.*

**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 UMH # 98****"To God Be the Glory"**

**1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done!**

**So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,**

**who yielded his life an atonement for sin,**

**and opened the lifegate that all may go in.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,**

**let the earth hear his voice!**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,**

**let the people rejoice!**

**O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,**

**and give him the glory, great things he hath done!**

**2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,**

**to every believer the promise of God;**

**the vilest offender who truly believes,**

**that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,**

**let the earth hear his voice!**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

#### **BENEDICTION**

God sends us into the world, to accept the cost and to discover the joy of discipleship. Therefore go—carrying with you the peace of Christ, the love of God, and the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, in trial and rejoicing. **Amen.**

#### **POSTLUDE**

### **VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Monday, July 26      10 AM      Book Discussion** on Ann Monk Kidd's **The Book of Longings** will be held Monday, July 26, 10-noon. **Please message the pastor if you will attend and she will send you the zoom invitation.** Text to her cell #609 709 8373. Friends are welcome too. There is a study guide in the back of the book.

**Tuesday, July 27      Diane Moser Memorial Big Band Performance**  
Tierney's Tavern, Montclair. Three seatings at 8 PM, 9:30 PM and 10:30 PM.  
Check out details on church Facebook.

**Thursday, July 29      2:30 PM      Mark and Liz Larson Wedding.** All are invited.