

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022

8th 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 (based on Psalm 92)**

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

To sing praises to God's name;

To declare steadfast love in the morning,

And faithfulness by night,

For you, O LORD, have made us glad by your work;

For your works, O God, we sing for joy.

***HYMN #434**

"When the Poor Ones"

**1. When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers,
when the thirsty water give unto us all,
when the crippled in their weakness strengthen others,**

(Refrain)

**Then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God Still goes that road with us.**

**2. When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,
when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,
when we love though hate at times seems all around us,**

(Refrain)

**Then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God Still goes that road with us.**

**3. When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,
when our lips can speak no words other than true,
when we know the love for simple things is better,**

(Refrain)

**Then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God Still goes that road with us.**

**4. When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance,
when we learn how make to peace instead of war,
when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor,**

(Refrain)

**Then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God Still goes that road with us.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In all of heaven and earth, there is none as loving, kind, and gentle as you, my Creator, friend, sustainer, and desire of my soul. Even when I turn away from your mercy and constant invitation, your divine grace follows me into the valleys that will surely come. By your mercy, O God, I am forgiven; and in your loving kindness my hope remains eternal. In the name of Christ Jesus, I give thanks and praise. **Amen**

Time of silence.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 2:4b-9

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no vegetation of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground, ⁶ but a stream would rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground— ⁷ then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. ⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the

sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC **“Great is Thy Faithfulness”** **Aisha Lettsome, soloist**

THE MESSAGE **"All for You"** **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 #354** **"I Surrender All"**

**1. All to Jesus I surrender;
all to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him,
in his presence daily live.**

**Refrain:
I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.**

**2. All to Jesus I surrender;
humbly at his feet I bow,**

worldly pleasures all forsaken;
take me, Jesus, take me now. [Refrain]

3. All to Jesus I surrender;
make me, Savior, wholly thine;
let me feel the Holy Spirit,
truly know that thou art mine. [Refrain]

4. All to Jesus I surrender;
Lord, I give myself to thee;
fill me with thy love and power;
let thy blessing fall on me. [Refrain]

5. All to Jesus I surrender;
now I feel the sacred flame.
O the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory to his name! [Refrain]

***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 memory of my loving mother, **Rachel Rotter**, on the anniversary of her passing by Louise Woodcox.

VACATION DATES Pastor Viv will be on vacation Thursday, July 14 through Sunday, August 7. Please call the church office # 973-226-4410 if you have an emergency and Ellen will contact the pastor on call.

UPCOMING PREACHER

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" give your check and information to Louise Woodcox (973-227-2924) or to Ellen Elcavage in the church office (973-226-4410). Please place your order by the Wednesday before the Sunday you would like the flowers.