

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021

Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Rd., Caldwell, NJ 07006

Rev. Vivian L. Rodeffer, Pastor

11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ms. Maxine Alstrom, Music Director



PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Viv

Gracious God, we have gathered here in your name as an act of faith,
Believing that you are not only among us, but that you love us.
It is often hard to recognize your love, see your mercy, and feel your presence.
Help us today in our worship, that we might be receptive to your grace,
As you reveal yourself to each one of us. **Amen.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God loves us with a steadfast love.
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!
God loves us so much he gave us his Son.
Let us believe and have eternal life!
God loves us with a great love, rich in mercy.
Let us have faith to receive this grace!
Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

***HYMN TFWS 2108**

“O How He Loves You and Me”

**1. Oh, how He loves you and me.
He gave His life, what more could He give;
Oh, how He loves you,
Oh, how He loves me,
Oh, how He loves you and me.**

**2. Jesus to Calv’ry did go,
His love for sinners to show.
What He did there, brought hope from despair.
Oh, how Oh, how He loves you and me,
He loves you,
Oh, how He loves me,
Oh, how He loves you and me.**

**3. Oh, how He loves you and me.
He gave His life, what more could He give;
Oh, how He loves you,
Oh, how He loves me,
Oh, how He loves you and me.**

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Pastor Karen

*There is a table in the rear of the sanctuary where children
can go for an activity after their message.
Katie Volz is our staff helper.*

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4: 25- 5: 2

Robb McCombe, Reader

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven

you. ⁵ ¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

LIVE IN LOVE

“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.” Ephesians 5: 1

RECEIVING THE MORNING’S OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY #94**

**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!**

***DEDICATION**

Gracious God, we joyously place before you our offerings. May these gifts support our ministry so that others may gather in your name and follow your path of love and peace. We, your beloved children, seek to be “imitators of God” and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

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 UMH #431**

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

**1. Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator,
family all are we.
Let us walk with each other
in perfect harmony.**

2. Let peace begin with me;
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take,
Let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment
And live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

***BENEDICTION**

Let us now depart knowing that in Christ we are no longer strangers and sojourners but dearly loved children of God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

DATES APPROACHING:

Friday, August 20 6:15 PM Bridges Run, contact Joan Olszewski #973 619 3823 for info.

Saturday, August 21 Fundraising Car Wash, contact Christie Pavlishin #973 885 1846 for info.

FOR YOUR SERVICE NOTES: