

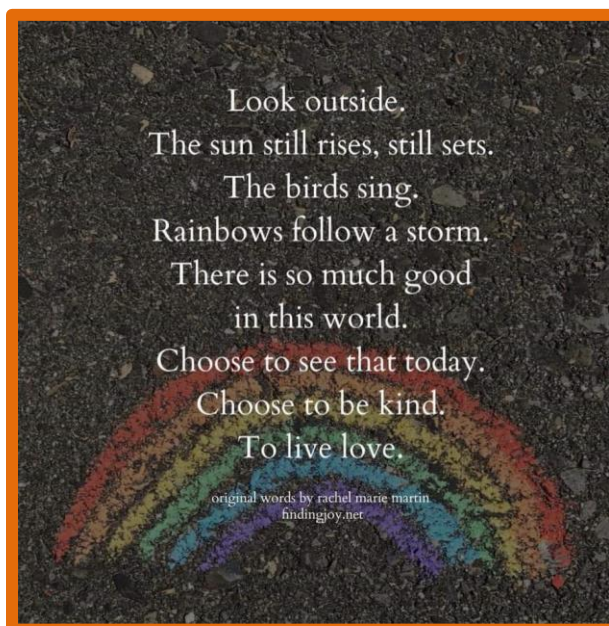
SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021

12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Rev. Vivian L. Rodeffer, Pastor

Ms. Maxine Alstrom, Music Director



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Viv

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Welcome today to a celebration of God's love!

We are grateful for this welcome.

Feel the loving power of God flow into our lives.

We open our hearts and lives to receive God's blessings.

Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

Lord, be with us today as we listen for your words of hope.

***HYMN #140**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
 Morning by morning new mercies I see
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
 Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest
 Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
 Join with all nature in manifold witness
 To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
 Morning by morning new mercies I see
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
 Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
 Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
 Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
 Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

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 Morning by morning new mercies I see
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
 Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto 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 5: 15-20

Christie Pavlishin, Reader

¹⁵ Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰ giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Myrtle Connell, Soloist

Ruth Carrara, Piano

MESSAGE**THANKSGIVING 24/7***"...Giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything..." Ephesians 5: 20***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 are taught to give as an act of faithfulness. Yet, sometimes we end up giving with a begrudging attitude, a hesitant heart, or selfish reluctance. Forgive us! Enable us in this very moment to give "thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." 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 TFWS #2173*"Shine Jesus Shine"**

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining
 In the midst of the darkness, shining
 Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
 Set us free by the truth you now bring us
 Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine fill this land with the Father's glory
 Blaze, Spirit, blaze set our hearts on fire
 Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy
 Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence
 From the shadows into your radiance
 By the blood I may enter your brightness
 Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
 Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine fill this land with the Father's glory
 Blaze, Spirit, blaze set our hearts on fire
 Flow, river, flow flood the nations with grace and mercy
 Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness
 So our faces display your likeness
 Ever changing from glory to glory
 Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
 Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine fill this land with the Father's glory
 Blaze, Spirit, blaze set our hearts on fire
 Flow, river, flow flood the nations with grace and mercy
 Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

***BENEDICTION**

Jesus' love and compassion has been poured out for you today. Go into the world in confidence, bearing forgiveness and love for all God's people. Go in peace. **Amen.**

***POSTLUDE**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

We thank Ruth Carrara who is our substitute musician today while Maxine Alstrom is recovering from surgery. As requested, Maxine's address is 32 Windsor Dr., Pine Brook, NJ 07058.

CALENDAR

DATES APPROACHING:

Thursday, August 19 Sandwich Making for Bridges, contact Joan Olszewski #973 619 3823

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.

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, October 23 5-7 PM, Pulled Pork/ Bar-B-Q Chicken Take Out Dinner