

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022**

**11th 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**

**Pastor Viv**

*Lord of joy and mercy, be with us this day as we seek your voice and your guidance. Remove the obstacles that block our commitment and help us to truly be your disciples; for we ask this in Christ's Name. **Amen.***

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

It's a great day to be here.

**There are so many things we can do to serve the Lord.**

Just listen for God's call to you. Let God guide your life.

**We are willing to open our lives to God's service.**

Come, let's worship and celebrate God's good news for us.

**Let us bring our hopes and prayers to God with joy.**

### **\*HYMN #395**

#### **"Take Time to Be Holy"**

**1. Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;  
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.  
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,  
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.**

**2. Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;**

**Spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone.  
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;  
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.**

**3. Take time to be holy, let Him be thy Guide;  
And run not before Him, whatever betide.  
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,  
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.**

**4. Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,  
Each thought and each motive beneath His control.  
Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love,  
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.  
In times of peace and in times of trial.**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Patient Lord, we know that you call us to service, but we often feel inadequate.  
We love to make excuses for not doing something or for doing something only  
half-heartedly. Remind us again of your loving and guiding presence. Forgive us  
when we stumble and falter. Turn us again to you, serving joyfully and  
confidently.** *Time for silent confession.*

Beloved Ones, you are the salty people - those who bring flavor to living. Your spirit of love and confidence gives hope to others. Remember that the Lord is always with you.  
**Amen.**

#### **SCRIPTURE**

**James 5: 7-11**

**Christie Pavlishin, Reader**

7 Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. 8 You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. 9 Brothers and sisters, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! 10 As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 Indeed, we call blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the outcome that the Lord brought about, for the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**THE MESSAGE      WEEK 5: THE FRUIT OF GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT**  
**Patience: Endurance in Love**

**DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Lord, We thank you for our blessings and for the spirit of generosity that  
 You have placed within us! Please use our service and our gifts to help  
 bring others to your saving love in Christ Jesus. 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**

**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 #463****"Lord, Speak to Me"**

**1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak  
 In living echoes of your tone.  
 As you have sought, so let me seek  
 Your erring children, lost and lone.**

**2 Oh, lead me, Lord, that I may lead  
 The wand'ring and the wav'ring feet.  
 Oh, feed me, Lord, that I may feed  
 Your hungry ones with manna sweet.**

**3 Oh, teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
 The precious truths which you impart.**

**And wing my words that they may reach  
The hidden depths of many a heart.**

**4 Oh, fill me with your fullness, Lord,  
Until my very hearts o'erflows  
In kindling thought and glowing word,  
Your love to tell, your praise to show.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

May we go forth into the world, confident that we are your children, knowing that you have called us by name.

In our daily life, may we align ourselves to your will, seeking direction to follow the plans you have for us which give us a hope and a future in Jesus Christ, and may we have patience in the waiting.

In the challenges and joys we face, may we be assured that we do not face them alone.

Let us go in peace, hope and love, in the name of our compassionate and powerful God the Son our Savior, and the comforting Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**\* POSTLUDE**

**\*Stand as able.**

**TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Joan Olszewski to the Glory of God and in memory of all of our church family who have gone on to glory.**

**CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, August 24**

**7:30 Zoom Golf Outing Meeting**

**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR** may be given "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" by calling Louise Woodcox (973-227-2924) or Ellen (973-226-4410) at the church office. Cost is \$15. We are no longer using the Flower Chart that used to hang outside of the church Kitchen.

**17th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING** Advertising space is available in the 2022 Golf Journal. There are forms on the table in the lobby or you may contact Ken Ingra at 201-410-1940 or keningra@optonline.net. Requests for ads, along with artwork and payment are due by September 2nd . **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TOO.** If you would like to volunteer to help at the Golf Outing on September 20 please contact Barbara Ingra at 973-632-6810.