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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021****13<sup>th</sup> 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, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVOCATION****Pastor Viv**

God of Light, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

New every morning is your love, Great God of Light,  
**And all day long you are working for good in the world.**  
 Stir up in us desire to serve you,  
**To live peacefully with our neighbors and with all creation,**  
 And to devote each day to our Savior Jesus Christ.  
**Let us worship God.**

**\*HYMN UMH #61****“Come, Thou Almighty King”**

**1. Come, Thou almighty King,  
 Help us Thy Name to sing, help us to praise!  
 Father all glorious, o’er all victorious,  
 Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!**

**2. Jesus, our Lord, arise,  
Scatter our enemies, and make them fall;  
Let Thine almighty aid our sure defense be made,  
Souls on Thee be stayed; Lord, hear our call.**

**3. Come, Thou incarnate Word,  
Gird on Thy mighty sword, our prayer attend!  
Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success,  
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!**

**4. Come, holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour;  
Thou Who almighty art, now rule in every heart,  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r!**

**5. To Thee, great One in Three,  
Eternal praises be, hence, evermore;  
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see,  
And to eternity love and adore!**

#### **CHILDREN IN WORSHIP**

**Pastor Karen**

Hymn # 513

Soldiers of Christ arise, and put your armor on,  
Strong in the strength which God supplies through his eternal Son,  
Strong in the Lord of Hosts and in His mighty power,  
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts is more than conquerer.

*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 6: 10-20**

**Joyce Francavilla, Reader**

<sup>10</sup> **Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.** <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup> As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> With all of these, take the shield

of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Matthew Lowy, Piano**

## **MESSAGE**

### **GRACE FILLED STRENGTH**

*"...Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power." Ephesians 6: 10*

## **RECEIVING THE MORNING'S OFFERINGS**

### **\*DEDICATION**

**O Lord of Hosts, We pray that our offerings will be used to reach out to others in the community and around the world who need to find a joyful trust in you. Psalm 84 assures us: "Happy is everyone who trusts in you." All praise and glory to you! Amen.**

### **\*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!**

## **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 #2162**

### **"Grace Alone"**

**1. Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith  
Every difference we can make is only by His grace**

Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine  
Every blessing left behind is only by His grace. REFRAIN

Grace alone which God supplies  
Strength unknown He will provide  
Christ in us our cornerstone  
We will go forth in grace alone

2. Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach  
Everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace  
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away  
Every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace. REFRAIN

#### \*BENEDICTION

Go forth as Christ's partners in the work of justice and love.  
All in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

#### \*POSTLUDE

#### A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

We thank **Matthew Lowy**, a former student of our Music Director Maxine Alstrom, who is our substitute musician today while Maxine Alstrom is recovering from surgery.

#### CALENDAR

**Monday, August 23**      **4:00 PM Zoom Nominations Meeting**  
                                 **7:30 PM Zoom Pulled Pork Take Out Dinner Planning Meeting**

**Thursday, August 26**      **7:30 PM Zoom Golf Outing Meeting**

**Tuesday, August 31**      **7:00 PM Zoom Church Council Meeting**

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