

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022

12th 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

*We praise you with joy, loving God, for your grace is better than life itself.
You bless us with life in this new day. In the shadow of your wings we sing for joy
and bless your holy name. **Amen.***

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to God!

We give honor and praise and glory to God!

Lift up your prayers and praises to God!

We trust in God's knowledge, wisdom and insight.

Open your hearts to God!

**In this time of worship, with songs of joy and moments of quiet reflection,
we know God is present!**

*HYMN #98

"To God Be the Glory"

**1 To God be the glory great things He has done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in**

CHORUS

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice
 Come to the Father through Jesus the Son
 Give Him the glory great things He has done

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood
 To every believer the promise of God
 The vilest offender who truly believes
 That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

CHORUS

3 Great things He has taught us, great things He has done
 And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
 But purer, and higher, and greater will be
 Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see

CHORUS**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

For missed opportunities, forgive us.
 For hasty words and voices raised, forgive us.
 For selfishness and all that hurts, forgive us
 For poor harvest from love that's sown, forgive us.
 Revive us, restore us and teach us your way,
 that we might walk in it day by day.

A time of silent confession.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE**Galations 6: 1-10****Jayvyn Matthew, Reader**

My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. 4 All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. 5 For all must carry their own loads.

6 Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

7 Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. 8 If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. 9 So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. 10 So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

**THE MESSAGE Week 6: THE FRUIT OF GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT:
Kindness, Bearing Love's Burden**

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

**"Be Kind to One Another" WORDS: Carolyn Gillette
TUNE: #545 "The Church's One Foundation"**

**1 Be kind to one another, be tender-hearted too —
forgiving one another, as Christ has pardoned you.**

**Refrain from any gossip, for gossip is a sin.
Be open to new friendships, and welcome people in.**

**2 Be kind in all your speaking and hear what others say.
Be open to Christ's teaching, and in all matters, pray.
Be gentle, loving, faithful and keep a humble mind.
Remember what is truthful. In everything be kind.**

**3 Be kind within your circle, but look past what you see;
Be kind to those in trouble — the poor, the refugee.
The world is filled with violence; write letters, call out sin!
Don't ever sit in silence and let the evil win.**

**4 O God of love, you've taught us. You've shown us what to do:
Be just, commit to kindness, walk humbly here with you.
Your Spirit gives us courage to truly live this way.
May love become our message; may kindness win the day.**

***BENEDICTION**

Bear one another's burdens. Correct one another with kindness. Bless one another with signs of peace. Do not grow weary in doing what is right and you will reap a rich harvest of joy, hope, and love. Go in the peace of the Lord to share the Gospel of Grace. **Amen.**

*** POSTLUDE**

***Stand as able.**

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 28	2:00PM Pastor Viv, Preach at Crane's Mill
Sunday, September 4	10:00AM Worship
Monday, September 5	LABOR DAY/ CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED