SUNDAY, September 11, 2022 Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006 Rev. Vivian L. Rodeffer, Pastor Ms. Maxine Alstrom, Music Director



PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor Viv

"SEPTEMBER 11" CALL TO WORSHIP

We remember the first time we heard the news. We recall the first time we saw those images. We remember the way our thoughts and prayers were with those families who lost loved ones. Our thoughts and prayers are with them again today.

O God of Comfort - though the years have passed, you are faithful still. Yesterday, today and forever; let your love and peace endure.

We remember those who survived. We recall their heart-breaking stories. We remember that their lives are forever scarred by those moments. Our thoughts and prayers are with them again today.

O God of Healing - though the years have passed, you are faithful still. Yesterday, today and forever; let your love and peace endure.

We remember the pain we felt. We recall the bereavement and bitterness of the aftermath. We remember that you are a God of redemption and restoration. Help us forgive those who caused so much trauma, and that we may find release in that forgiveness.

O God of forgiveness - though the years have passed, you are faithful still.

Yesterday, today and forever; let your love and peace endure.

We remember that you love the world. We recall you sent your Son to bring reconciliation and salvation. We remember your Spirit inhabits your Church. Help us bring your comfort and peace to all.

O God of hope - though the years have passed, you are faithful still. Yesterday, today and forever; let your love and peace endure.

*HYMN #698

"God of the Ages" 1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past;in this free land with thee our lot is cast;be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;thy true religion in our hearts increase;thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4. Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;lead us from night to never-ending day;fill all our lives with love and grace divine,and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

Hebrews 11: 1-3 & 2: 1

1:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.... 2:1 Therefore we must pay greater attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC	"One Day At A Time"	M. Wilkin & K. Kristofferson
	Myrtle Connell, Soloist	

THE MESSAGE THE INVISIBLE FRUIT: FAITHFULNESS

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source for hope and love in this church family, and in the community beyond us, in the name of Jesus Christ. **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. 1 When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word What a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His good will, He abides with us still And with all who will trust and obey Trust and obey, for there's no other way To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey

2 Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies But His smile quickly drives it away Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh or a tear Can abide while we trust and obey Oh, Trust and obey, for there's no other way To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey

3 Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet Or we'll walk by His side in the way What He says we will do, where He sends we will go Never fear, only trust and obey Trust and obey, for there's no other way To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey

*BENEDICTION

Hebrews 11: 1-6

May the God who created the worlds from things unseen give you unshakeable faith to stake your life and future, not on the things that are temporal and tangible, but on the things that are invisible and eternal. **Amen.**

* POSTLUDE

*Stand as able.

CALENDAR

Monday, September 12		PRAYER/DISCUSSION GROUP NURTURE, OUTREACH & MISSION
Wednesday, September 13	7:00 PM	PRAYER CIRCLE: HARP AND SONG

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Join Rev. Frederick Boyle and Rev. Karen Gazzillo for a quiet candlelight service to rest your soul and invite God's Holy Spirit into your life. This first Circle will be held this Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM.