

SUNDAY, September 25, 2022
Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006
Rev. Vivian L. Rodeffer, Pastor

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Ms. Maxine Alstrom, Music Director



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Viv

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Those who love God, God will deliver.

Those who know God by name, God will protect.

Those who call out to God, God will answer.

We gather this morning, as those who trust God.

*HYMN #108 “God Has Spoken by the Prophets”

**1 God has spoken by his prophets, spoken his unchanging Word;
 each from age to age proclaiming God the one, the righteous Lord!
 In the world’s despair and turmoil one firm anchor still holds fast,
 God is on his throne eternal, he alone the first and last.**

**2 God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ the everlasting Son,
 brightness of the Father’s glory, with the Father, ever one:**

**spoken by the Word incarnate, God, before all time began,
light of light, to Earth descending, Man, revealing God to us.**

**3 God is speaking by his Spirit speaking to the hearts of all;
in the age-long Word declaring God's own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations one sure faith is standing fast:
God abides, his Word unchanging, God the first and God the last.**

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

**Triune God, you call us to trust you in every circumstance of our lives,
yet far too often, we do not. In times of oppression and strife, we lose hope
in our future. When enduring natural disasters, suffering illness, or facing
death, we often grow bitter and forget your love. Eager to be powerful and
successful, we wander away from you. And absorbed by our wants and
desires, we are blind to those around us who need our care. Forgive us, O
God. Turn our hearts to you, that we may taste fullness of life and trust
your promised salvation. *A time for silent meditation***

God's loving presence never abandons us, not even when we abandon God.
God delivers those who seek and love the Lord. All we have to do is call, and
God answers us with forgiveness and mercy, life and salvation. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Tracy Voca, Reader

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. 2 At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, 3 where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

6 Jeremiah said, "The word of the Lord came to me: 7 Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' " 8 Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

9 And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out the silver to him, seventeen shekels of silver. 10 I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the silver on scales. 11 Then I took the sealed deed of purchase containing the terms and conditions and the open copy, 12 and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence

of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. 13 In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, 14 "Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. 15 For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land."

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE MESSAGE **Hope for a Hopeless Situation**

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Beloved God, who richly provides for our needs and enjoyment, thank you for your many gifts. You have trusted us with our lives, with this world, and with your love. May the gifts we offer you today be used for your service and your glory. 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!**

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 #144** **"This Is My Father's World"**

**1 This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought**

Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--His hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world: the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass, I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

3 This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

***BENEDICTION**

Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Live boldly, trusting God with everything you are and everything you have. Take hold of the life to which God calls you.

Go forth, rejoicing in God. **Thanks be to God!**

*** POSTLUDE**

***Stand as able.**

CALENDAR

Monday, September 25	10:00 AM 8:00AM-NOON	Prayer/Discussion Group Rosh Hashanna
Sunday, October 2	10:00 AM NOON	World Communion Sunday Caldwell Street Fair

HEADS UP FOR TOMORROW. Congregation Agudath Israel will be in our sanctuary for their overflow for Rosh Hashanna worship. Because of enhanced security no one is permitted to enter during the time they are present. This afternoon the synagogue crew will be here to arrange chairs, etc. for tomorrow.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY is next Sunday morning. Let's honor all the native lands that we represent! Bring something that reflects your national heritage that we can add to the communion table. Thanks!

STREET FAIR MINISTRY Next Sunday morning at 7:30 AM we will be putting out breakfast for the Street Fair Carnival workers. If you can help donate fresh fruit, individual juices, pastries, etc. let the pastor know. Text her at 609 709 8373.