

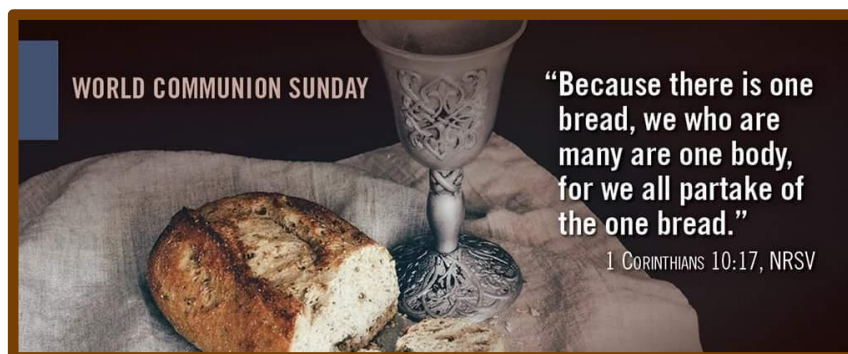
**SUNDAY, October 2, 2022**

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**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**

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

**We gather with them in heart and mind.**

Around the world the broken body is made whole.

**As part of that body we join in its unity.**

Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

**We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.**

Let us worship together, let us share God's bounty.

## \*HYMN #617

### "I Come With Joy"

**1 I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me,  
his life laid down for me.**

**2 I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.**

**3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.**

**The love that made us makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.**

**4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord.**

**His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known;  
we see and praise him here,  
we see and praise him here.**

**SCRIPTURE**

**1 Corinthian 10: 14-17**

**Robb McCombe, Reader**

14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from the worship of idols. 15 I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. 16 The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? 17 Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**THE MORNING PRAYER**

**Pastor Karen**

**THE MESSAGE**

**Is Our God Too Narrow?**

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

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. 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 LORD'S SUPPER

### Introduction

...Let us share this meal together

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Joining our voices...with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name...

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

...as we await the table of the Kingdom yet to come,  
and as we dedicate ourselves again to you,  
thankful, and transformed, as living and holy sacrifices,  
that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

### 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.**

### Sharing the Bread and Cup

### Prayer after Communion

**\*HYMN****“We Come to This Table”  
KREMSER ("We Gather Together")**

**1 We come to this table, O God, with thanksgiving.  
We lift up our hearts, we remember, we pray.  
We hear Jesus' welcome — inviting, forgiving;  
We know your Spirit's peace as we feast here today.**

**2 We dine at your table as sisters and brothers,  
Diverse in our cultures, yet nourished as one.  
The bread and the cup that we share here with others  
Are gifts uniting all who are claimed by your Son.**

**3 We grieve for your world here; we cry, "How much longer?"  
We pray for the cycles of violence to cease.  
Yet here, in Christ broken, we're fed and made stronger  
To labor in his name for a world filled with peace.**

**4 We rise from this table with new dedication  
To feed the world's children, to free the oppressed,  
To clear out the minefields, to care for creation;  
We pray, O God of peace, that our work will be blest.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

May the Spirit of power and love attend you,  
may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ uphold you,  
and may the great faithfulness of our God sustain you,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

**\* POSTLUDE****\*Stand as able.**

**Altar Flowers today are given by Myrtle Connell to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Stuart and Myrtle Carroll.**

**CALENDAR****Sunday, October 2****NOON****Caldwell Street Fair****Monday, October 3****10:00 AM****Prayer/Discussion Group**

**7:00 PM**

**Nurture/ Outreach/ Witness**

**RALLY DAY is SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16**

An email has been sent out with details how to sign up for set up, food, and/or clean up.  
We hope to see everyone back at church!