

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Rd., Caldwell, NJ 07006

Rev. Vivian L. Rodeffer, Pastor

Ms. Maxine Alstrom, Music Director



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Viv

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

***HYMN # 548**

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

**1 In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north;
But one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.**

**2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord, close-binding humankind.**

**3 In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek, and neither slave nor free;
both male and female heirs are made, and all are kin to me.**

**4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him throughout the whole wide earth.**

PRAYER FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Jesus prayed that we might be one. One in spirit, One in mission
 In union and communion with each other and with You.
 Today, God, we confess failures in accomplishing unity, as we set aside
 yet another day to remind ourselves of the task.

On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize
 your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere.
 Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences.
 Give us a heart big enough to love your children around the world.
 We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12

Jeannie Laureano, Reader

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
 or mortals, that you care for them?"

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
 you have crowned them with glory and honor,

⁸ subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

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

SING ALONG **“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”** **Robb McCombe, Guitar**

- 1. He’s got the whole world in His hands**
- 2. He’s got the wind and the rain in His hands**
- 3. He’s got the little, bitty baby in His hands**
- 4. He’s got the brothers and the sisters in His hands**
- 5. He’s got _____ and _____ in his hands**
- 6. He’s got everybody in His Hands**
- 7. He’s got the whole world in His hands**

MESSAGE **“ALL ARE KIN TO ME”**
Mark 10: 13-16

¹³ People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

***DEDICATION OF OURSELVES, OUR OFFERINGS AND THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS**

***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

THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

Most Bountiful God, we give you thanks for the world you have created, for the gift of life, and for giving yourself to us in Jesus Christ, whose holy life, suffering and death, and glorious resurrection have delivered us from slavery to sin and death.

We thank you that in the power of your Holy Spirit
 You have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ,
 And given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet.
 We are your children, and yours is the glory, now and forever;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #620**

“One Bread, One Body”

1. One bread, one body, one Lord of all

One cup of blessing which we bless
 And we, though many, throughout the
 Earth

We are one body in this one Lord
 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
 woman or man, no more.

2. One bread, one body, one Lord of all

One cup of blessing which we bless
 And we, though many, throughout the
 Earth

We are one body in this one Lord
 Many the gifts, many the works
 One in the Lord Of all,

3. One bread, one body, one Lord of all

One cup of blessing which we bless
 And we, though many, throughout the
 Earth

We are one body in this one Lord
 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
 Gathered to one for all,

Last Refrain:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
 One cup of blessing which we bless,
 And we though many, throughout the
 earth

We are one body in this one Lord.

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

***Stand as Able**

CALENDAR

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| Monday, October 4 | 10AM Zoom Prayer Group |
| | 7PM Zoom NOW Meeting |
| Tuesday, October 5 | 7PM Zoom Choir Practice |
| | [email Maxine for zoom invite at max13a@aol.com] |
| Thursday, October 7 | 7PM Zoom Interfaith Study on “The Care of Our Common Home” |
| Sunday, October 10 | 10AM Worship and Zoom Worship |
| Tuesday, October 12 | 7PM Zoom Finance and 8PM Zoom Trustees |
| | [normally on second Monday but Columbus Day was October 11] |

PULLED PORK/ BAR B QUE CHICKEN TAKE OUT DINNER, Saturday, October 23!!