

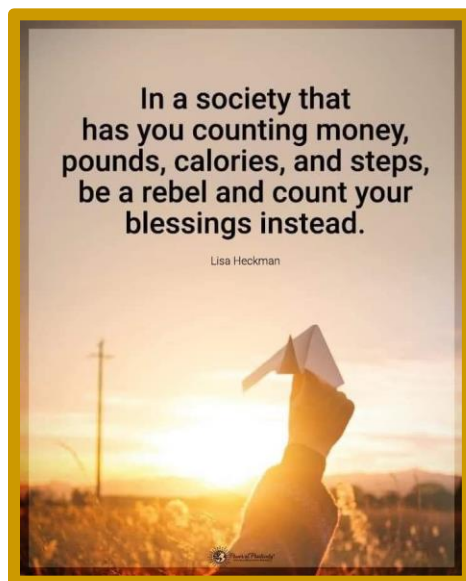
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021

20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Lord, you have called us here this day for healing, hope, and transformation.

As we listen to the Scripture, pray our prayers, sing our hymns, and hear the words of wisdom,

*Open our hearts to hear your claim on our lives; that we may fully and joyfully serve you. **Amen.***

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Welcome to worship today. Bring your joys and sorrows to the Lord.

We come from busy lives, filled with a host of banes and blessings.

Give your fears to the Lord, for God will heal your souls.

Praise to God who listens to our cries and heals us.

Open your ears and your hearts to the Lord.

We open our lives to do God's will.

***HYMN #67**

"We Thy People Praise Thee"

1. We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, God of every nation!

We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, Lord of Hosts eternal!

Days of wonder, days of beauty, days of rapture filled with light

Tell thy goodness, tell thy mercies, tell thy glorious might.

We, thy people praise thee, praise thee, praise thee evermore.

2. We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, God of every nation!

We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, Lord of Hosts eternal!

For thy blessings, for thy bounty, joyful songs to thee we sing,

Songs of glory, songs of triumph to our God and King.

We, thy people praise thee, praise thee, praise thee evermore.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, We have so much and we want so much more. We shop and buy things, shop and buy. Rather than striving to serve you more faithfully, we strive to gather more and more possessions. Forgive our materialism. Break the bonds of our enslavement to greed. Open our hearts to know that the riches of the kingdom are for service to you. Help us to understand that you call us to service, and that is the work of the kingdom. *Time for silent meditation.*

Jesus understands our cries and our weakness. He forgives and heals our souls. In the name of Jesus Christ we are healed and transformed. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10: 17-31

Robb McCombe, Reader

¹⁷ As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰ He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹ Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰ who will not receive a

hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Precious Lord”

Aisha Lettsome, Soloist

MESSAGE

What Thing Do You Lack?

“Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing...” Mark 10: 21

***DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

***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, YOUR SILENT PRAYERS & 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 TFWS #2176**

“Make Me A Servant”

**1. Make me a servant, humble and meek;
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant today.**

**2. Make me a servant, humble and meek;
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
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***BENEDICTION**

You have been made free by the love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Go into the world to serve God by helping others. Be at peace and bring God’s peace and love with you wherever you go. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE**Stand as Able****CALENDAR**

Monday, October 11	COLUMBUS DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED <i>Our administrative assistant Ellen Elcavage's Birthday!</i> No Zoom Prayer Group 10 AM Funeral Service for Rev. Richard Klein
Tuesday, October 12	4 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7 PM Finance Meeting 8 PM Trustee Meeting
Wednesday, October 13	7:30 PM "Returning to Grace" Post Pandemic Candlelight Vigil at Notre Dame RCC
Thursday, October 14	8 AM- Noon Adjourned Zoom Session of Annual Conference
Sunday, October 17	10AM Worship and Zoom Worship
Monday, October 18	10AM Zoom Prayer Group 7PM Zoom Church Council [note change of date from Tuesday, Oct. 19]

PULLED PORK/ BAR B QUE CHICKEN TAKE OUT DINNER, Saturday, October 23!!**VACATION** Pastor Viv and Robb will be away next week from Tuesday, October 20 through Thursday, October 22.