

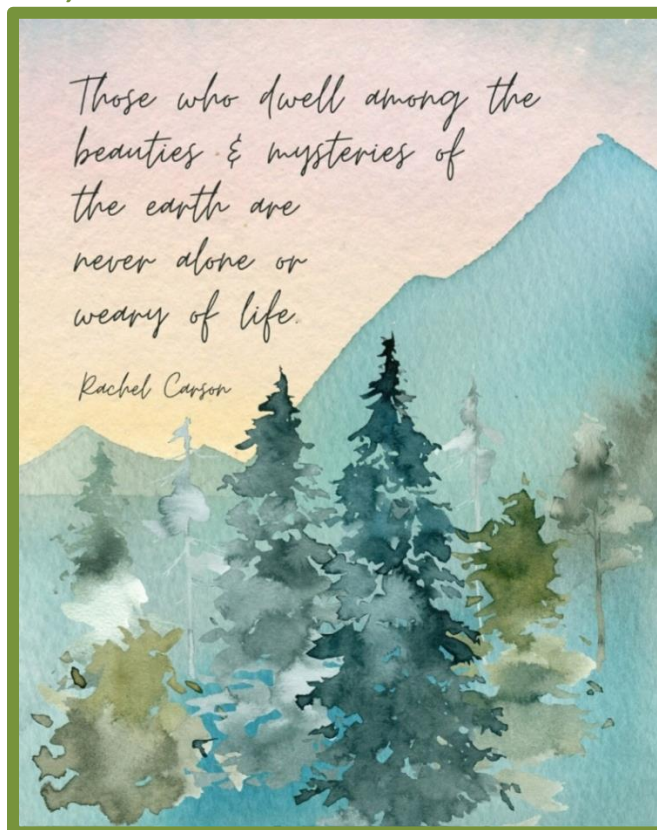
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021

21st 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, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love. The wondrous works of nature show your majesty. As we gather today to celebrate your love and creation, keep us mindful that we are part of that created order, meant to be stewards and not destroyers. Prepare us to work for you in ministries of peace and justice. **Amen.***

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

As the rains pour from heaven, soaking the earth that it may produce good things...

So God pours God's love upon us, that we, too, may produce goodness and peace.

We have been blessed with many gifts and talents.

God desires that we use these gifts and talents for healing, peace, and hope.

Come, let us worship and celebrate the mighty love and power of God.

Praise be to God who has blessed us in so many ways.

HYMN #152*"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"**

**1 We sing the mighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.**

**We sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command,
and all the stars obey.**

**2 We sing the goodness of the Lord
that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed,
where'er we turn our eyes,
if we survey the ground we tread
or gaze upon the skies.**

**3 There's not a plant or flower below
but makes your glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow
by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you
is ever in your care,
and everywhere that we can be,
you, God, are present there.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, For too long, we have decided that we know what is best for the whole world. We want to run the "whole show", but we don't want to listen to you. You want us to bring peace, to listen to others needs and wants. We want to impose our wills on everyone. We have gotten way off the track of discipleship. Bring us back, patient God. Shake the dust of arrogance from us and nourish us with humility and joy. Help us to be the kind of disciples that serve you faithfully.

Take time to think about these words for your life.

In the midst of our sinfulness, God reaches out to heal and forgive us. Receive the forgiveness which God has offered to you. Live in God's love. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Job 38: 1-7, 34-41

Pastor Karen , Reader

- ¹ Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:
² "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
³ Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.
⁴ "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
 Tell me, if you have understanding.
⁵ Who determined its measurement surely you know!
 Or who stretched the line upon it?
⁶ On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone⁷ when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?...
³⁴ "Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,
 so that a flood of waters may cover you?
³⁵ Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go
 and say to you, 'Here we are'?
³⁶ Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,
 or given understanding to the mind?
³⁷ Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?
 Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,
³⁸ when the dust runs into a mass
 and the clods cling together?
³⁹ "Can you hunt the prey for the lion,
 or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
⁴⁰ when they crouch in their dens,
 or lie in wait in their covert?
⁴¹ Who provides for the raven its prey,
 when its young ones cry to God,
 and wander about for lack of food?

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

POST PANDEMIC BELL CHOIR DEBUT "Count Your Blessings"

MESSAGE

Who? Where? What? When? Can You?

Jesus asks "Are you able to drink the cup that I drink...?" Mark 10: 38b

***DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR OFFERINGS –The offering will be placed on the altar.**

***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 #122**

"God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale" [vv 1,3,5 & 6]

1. God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe? How does the creature say Praise?
2. God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace? How does the creature say Thanks?
3. God of the neighbor, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love? How does the creature say Peace?
4. God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy? How do your children say Home?

***BENEDICTION**

*You have been called to serve the Lord with gladness. Go from this place knowing that God's blessings have been poured on you so that you may be a blessing to others. Be at peace and bring the good news of God's love and peace to all whom you meet. **Amen.***

***POSTLUDE**

CALENDAR

Monday, October 18	10 AM Zoom Prayer Group 7 PM Zoom Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 19	4 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal PASTOR AWAY
Wednesday, October 20	PASTOR AWAY
Thursday, October 21	PASTOR AWAY
Saturday, October 23	5PM Pulled Pork/ Chicken Take Out Dinner
Sunday, October 24	10AM Worship and Zoom Worship