

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021

22nd 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 Karen

*As we gather today, Lord, help us to open our eyes, our mind and our spirit to your truth. We are so grateful for the awesome love of your son, Jesus, and ask that we may truly appreciate all the wonders of your world and to do whatever we can to bring hope to all we encounter in your name. **Amen***

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, take refuge in the Lord, for God is good.

From the storms and struggles of life we come.

Come, rejoice in the Lord, for God will provide peace for you.

From fear and anxiety, we come to find peace.

Come, open your hearts to the Lord and you will be given blessing.

Thanks be to God for the many ways in which we are blessed.

Let us worship God!

***HYMN #454**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

**1. Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me
Place in my hands the wonderful key.
That shall unclasp and set me free
Silently now I wait for Thee,**

Ready my God, thy will to see
 Open my eyes, illumine me.
 Spirit divine!

2. Open my ears, that I may hear
 Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
 And while the wave-notes fall on my ear.
 Everything false will disappear.
 Silently now I wait for Thee
 Ready, my God, Thy will to see
 Open my ears, illumine me
 Spirit divine!

3. Open my mouth and let it bear
 Gladly the warm truth everywhere
 Open my heart and let me prepare
 Love with thy children thus to share.
 Silently now I wait for Thee
 Ready, my God, Thy will to see
 Open my heart, illumine me
 Spirit divine!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We think that we want to be healed of our blindness, gracious God, but actually we have become so comfortable in our darkness that we fear the light. It is as though we are living in a cave, and rather than take a risk to face the light, we prefer to face the dark wall. Give us courage to take risks which will result in not only our own transformation, but also the transformation opportunities for others. Forgive our stubborn insistence on living in darkness. Take our hands and lead us to the light.

A moment of silent confession.

Turn and see the light of God's love. It is lavished upon you. You have been healed and made whole in God's love. Be at peace and rejoice!

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10: 46-52

Michele Sauer, Reader

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart, get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him,

“My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go: your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Wayfaring Stranger”

Jill Land, Soloist

MESSAGE WHERE DO WE SEE, HEAR AND EXPERIENCE JESUS IN OUR LIVES? Pastor Karen

*“Jesus said to him ‘Go, your faith has made you well.’
Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.”*

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

O Jesus Christ, teacher and healer, you heard the cry of the blind beggar when others would have silenced him. Teach us to be attentive to the voices others ignore, that we might respond through the power of the Spirit to heal the afflicted and to welcome the abandoned for your sake and the sake of the gospel. Amen.

***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 Viv

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 #452**

“My Faith Looks up to Thee”

**1. My faith looks up to thee
Thou Lamb of Calvary
Savior divine
Now hear me while I pray.
Take all my guilt away
O let me from this day**

Be wholly Thine!

**2. May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart
My zeal inspire
As Thou has died for me
O may my love to Thee
Pure, warm and changeless be
A living fire**

***BENEDICTION**

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord. Help us to bring comfort to the blind, the deaf and the wounded; but most of all, to dedicate our lives to serving you in whatever humble way we can. Go in peace, to love and share your faith. **Amen.**

***POSTLUDE**

CALENDAR

Monday, October 25	10 AM Zoom Prayer Group
Tuesday, October 26	4 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, October 27	9AM-5PM Family Systems CE for Pastor
Thursday, October 28	9AM-5PM Family Systems CE for Pastor
Sunday, October 31	10AM Zoom Worship