

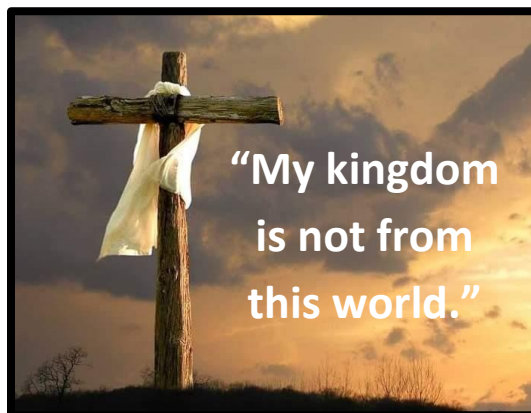
SUNDAY, November 21, 2021

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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

Rev. Vivian L. Rodeffer, Pastor

Ms. Maxine Alstrom, Music Director



PRELUDE

“Thanksgiving Song”

Mary Chapin Carpenter

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Viv

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the one who is,
who was, and is to come.

Rev. 1:8

We come to worship the one who rules justly.

2 Samuel 23:34

Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead,
the ruler of the kings of the earth!

Rev. 1:5

Bread of Heaven, God with us!

John 6:51, Mt. 1:23

Good Shepherd, True Vine!

John 10:11, John 15:1

Eternal Word, Great I AM

John 1, John 8:58

Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace!

Isaiah 9:6

We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of Lords!

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen.

Rev. 19:16, Rev. 1:6

***HYMN #715**

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

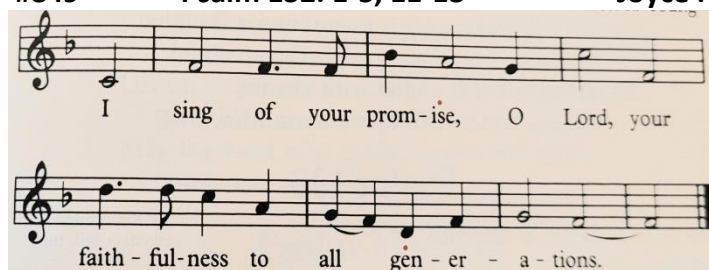
1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
2. Jesus, the Savior, reigns, The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains He took His seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3. His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and Heav'n,
The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus giv'n;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

COLLECT FOR CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

God of Eternity, we stand with the courage of those who insisted, even in perilous times, that not even the most powerful rulers of this earth hold our eternal destiny in their hands. We are secure in Christ, whose reign is just, whose power is endless, and whose love is unfathomable. God of Eternity, we join the chorus of saints who continue to declare that Christ is our King. Amen.

PSALTER READING #849 Psalm 132: 1-5, 11-18 Joyce Francavilla, Reader



R I sing of your promise, O Lord, your faithfulness to all generations.

O Lord, remember in David's favor
all the hardships he endured;
² how he swore to the Lord
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,
³ "I will not enter my house
or get into my bed;
⁴ I will not give sleep to my eyes
or slumber to my eyelids,
⁵ until I find a place for the Lord,
a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."

R I sing of your promise, O Lord, your faithfulness to all generations.

¹¹ The Lord swore to David a sure oath
from which he will not turn back:
"One of the sons of your body
I will set on your throne.
¹² If your sons keep my covenant
and my decrees that I shall teach them,
their sons also, forevermore,
shall sit on your throne."

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SCRIPTURE

John 18: 33-37

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵ Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷ Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM**“A Thanksgiving Poem”**

Words John Kendrick Bangs/Music Maxine Alstrom

For summer rains, and winter’s sun, for autumn breezes crisp and sweet;
For labors doing, to be done, and labors all complete;
For April, May, and lovely June, for bud, and bird, and berried vine;
For joys of morning, night, and noon, my thanks, dear Lord, are Thine!

For loving friends on every side; for children full of joyous glee;
For all the blessed Heavens wide, and for the sounding sea;
For mountains, valleys, forests deep; for maple, oak, and lofty pine;
For rivers on their seaward sweep, my thanks, dear Lord, are Thine!

For light and air, for sun and shade, for merry laughter and for cheer;
For music and the glad parade of blessings through the year;
For all the fruitful earth’s increase, for home and life, and love divine,
For hope, and faith, and perfect peace, my thanks, dear Lord, are Thine!

MESSAGE**WHAT’S IN A NAME?*****DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR OFFERINGS****BELL CHOIR****“We Gather Together”*****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 #102** **“Now Thank We All Our God”**

- 1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in Whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers’ arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
- 2. Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed;
And guard us through all ills in this world, till the next!
- 3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him Who reigns with Them in highest Heaven—
The one eternal God, Whom earth and Heav’n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

***BENEDICTION**

The love of Christ Jesus ever enfold you, the love of God ever encircle you, the fellowship of the Spirit ever enrich you, now and evermore! **Amen!**

***POSTLUDE**

*** Stand as able.**

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my dear husband, Jefferson W. Woodcox by Louise Woodcox.

CALENDAR

- Monday, November 22 10 AM Zoom **Prayer Group**
- 7 PM **Choir Rehearsal**
- Tuesday, November 23 No **Bell Choir Rehearsal**
- 7:30 PM **Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service.**
 St. Aloysius RCC, Caldwell and on Zoom.

Thursday, November 25 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**
 Sunday, November 28 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT-We will light the Advent Wreath!**
THE PASTOR WILL BE AWAY Wednesday November 24 through Saturday, November 27. However, you can reach Pastor Viv anytime at 609-709-8373 with any urgent matters.

