

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022

MOTHER'S DAY

Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006

Rev. Vivian L. Rodeffer, Pastor

Ms. Maxine Alstrom, Music Director



WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Viv

We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God, who, like a mother, knows us intimately, loves us unconditionally, teaches us the way we should go, and comforts us in times of need. We praise God, this morning, the Source and Sustainer of life! Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord is our refuge.

We can find peace in God's abiding love.

When troubles assail us, we call upon the Lord.

When joys abound, we call upon the Lord.

Welcome this day to God's house, one of many dwellings of the Almighty One.

We thank you and praise God for his refuge and sanctuary.

***HYMN TFWS #2027 "Now Praise the Hidden God of Love"**

**1 Now praise the hidden God of love
In whom we all must live and move,
Who shepherds us, at every stage
Thro' youth, maturity, and age.**

**2 Who challenged us, when were young
To storm the citadels of wrong;
In care for others taught us how
God's true community must grow.**

**3 Who bids us never lose our zest
Tho' age is urging us to rest,
But proves to us that we have still
A work to do, a place to fill.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient and forgiving God, we come to you this day. For many there is a celebration of Mother's Day and all that our mothers have given to us and taught us; but for some, these memories are too painful, of those who could not parent, who were afflicted. Remind us that your blessings are poured out in many ways, through many people. Give us the confident faith that reaches beyond our own lives to help others. Forgive us when we sink into our own selfishness and pettiness. For it is in those times that we turn our back on you. Bring us back to you, to the awareness of your eternal love. *Silent Meditation.*

Christ, our cornerstone and our salvation, offers to us hope and comfort. On this Mother's Day Sunday, this Festival of the Christian Home, help us to make our home in you. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Acts 9: 36-43

Christie Pavlishin, Reader

36 Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. 37 At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. 38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." 39 So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. 40 Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. 41 He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. 42 This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. 43 Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

CHOIR

Love is a Special Thing

Janie Oliver

CHANCEL DRAMA

AN UNFINISHED DISCIPLE

"All the widows stood beside [Peter] weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them." v. 39b

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

***DOXOLOGY**

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.

***HYMN #136**

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

**1 The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.**

**2 My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.**

**3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.**

**4 My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.**

**5 Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me,
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling-place shall be.**

***BENEDICTION**

Go forth in peace, dear ones. Bring hope to this world. Go forth in love; bring joy to this world. Go forth in the knowledge that God goes with you, loving and guiding your steps. **Amen.**

***POSTLUDE**

***Stand as able.**

Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my father, John Rotter on his birthday by Louise Woodcox.

The white rose on the altar today is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my mother, Rachel Rotter by Louise Woodcox.

CALENDAR

Monday, May 9	10 AM Zoom Prayer/Discussion Group 7 PM Zoom Finance and Trustees
Tuesday, May 10	4 PM Bell Choir Practice
Thursday, May 12	7 PM Choir Rehearsal 7 PM Zoom Dist. Comm. on the Superintendency-Pastor Viv, Chair
Saturday, May 14	5 PM Fish 'N Chips Take Out Dinner
Sunday, May 15	10 AM WORSHIP