

SUNDAY, June 13, 2021

3<sup>rd</sup> 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

*We welcome Rev. Phil Covert who will be sharing today's message.*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

God has set this day before us,

**A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.**

God has set our lives before us,

**A span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.**

God has set God's seal upon our hearts,

**So that we might live fully in deep love.**

Let us worship God.

#### HYMN # 526

#### "What a Friend We Have In Jesus"

**1. What a friend we have in Jesus**

**All our sins and griefs to bear**

**What a privilege to carry**

**Everything to God in prayer**

**2. Oh, what peace we often forfeit**

**Oh, what needless pain we bear**

**All because we do not carry**

**Everything to God in prayer**

**3. Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged  
Take it to the Lord in prayer**

**4. Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness  
Take it to the Lord in prayer**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Megan Mead-Bracknell**

### **SCRIPTURE**

**Romans 8: 18-28**

**Rev. Phil Covert**

<sup>18</sup> I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup> for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

<sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

<sup>28</sup> We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

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

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**"There's A Light"**

**Jill Schuler Land, Solo**

Maxine Alstrom, Piano   Ed Alstrom, Guitar

### **MESSAGE**

**Enough of the Bad News**

**Rev. Covert**

**OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD**

Pastor Karen

We give thanks to you, O God. We are thankful for your steadfast love. We praise you by singing; we praise you through prayer; we praise you in service. This morning we praise you with the offerings of our hearts and our financial gifts. Multiply all of our gifts that your kingdom may increase and prosper. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**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. Amen.

**HYMN # 512****"Stand By Me"**

1. When the storms of life are raging,  
 stand by me; (stand by me)  
 when the storms of life are raging,  
 stand by me. (stand by me)  
 When the world is tossing me  
 like a ship upon the sea,  
 thou who rulest wind and water,  
 stand by me. (stand by me)
2. In the midst of tribulation,  
 stand by me; (stand by me)  
 in the midst of tribulation,  
 stand by me. (stand by me)  
 When the hosts of hell assail,  
 and my strength begins to fail,  
 thou who never lost a battle,  
 stand by me. (stand by me)
3. In the midst of faults and failures,  
 stand by me; (stand by me)  
 in the midst of faults and failures,  
 stand by me. (stand by me)  
 When I've done the best I can,  
 and my friends misunderstand,

thou who knowest all about me,  
stand by me. (stand by me)

4. In the midst of persecution,  
stand by me; (stand by me)  
in the midst of persecution,  
stand by me. (stand by me)  
When my foes in war array  
undertake to stop my way,  
thou who rescued Paul and Silas,  
stand by me. (stand by me)

#### **BENEDICTION**

**Pastor Karen**

*The Lord bless you and keep you;*

*the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;*

*the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.—Numbers 6:24–26*

#### **POSTLUDE**

### **VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

You are invited to share your announcements during this time of fellowship.

**PASTOR'S VACATION:** Thursday, June 10 through Tuesday June 29, Pastor Viv is on vacation.

**FOR EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE** please call Rev Frederick Boyle at 609-577-3604. He will be handling all calls during the pastor's vacation.