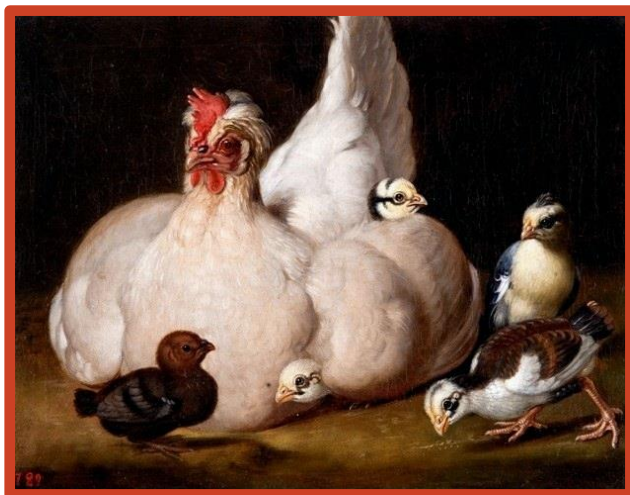


SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022 **2ND SUNDAY IN LENT**
Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006
Rev. Vivian L. Rodeffer, Pastor **Ms. Maxine Alstrom, Music Director**



WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Viv

Lord, we come to you this morning with so many concerns and issues that demand our attention. Our lives are burdened; our spirits are tired. Guide our lives and our steps as we walk this Lenten journey, inward and outward. Help us to discern what you would have us do, that others may be healed. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Today is a day to sing praise to God!

God continually blesses us, each and every day.

Even in the midst of cold and darkness, the warmth of God's love is real.

We can count on God to be here for us.

Let your hearts rejoice and your voices shout praise to God.

For God is great and worthy to be praised.

***HYMN #100**

"God, Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us"

**God, whose love is reigning o'er us, source of all, the ending true;
 Hear the universal chorus raised in joyful praise to you:
 Alleluia, Alleluia, worship ancient, worship new.**

**Word of God from nature bringing springtime green and autumn gold;
 Mountain streams like children singing, ocean waves thunder bold:
 Alleluia, Alleluia, as creation's tale is told.**

Holy God of ancient glory, choosing man and woman too;

**Abram's faith and Sarah's story formed a people bound to you.
Alleluia, Alleluia, to your covenant keep us true.**

**Covenant, new again in Jesus, starchild born to set us free;
Sent to heal us, sent to teach us how love's children we might be.
Alleluia, Alleluia, risen Christ, our Savior he!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

There is a certain winter in our spirits today, O Lord. We feel that the journey on which we have embarked will demand too much of us. There are so many other things in our lives which claim our spirits, our energy, our hopes and fears. It is easy to be like Jerusalem, turning our backs on those whom you send.

The world shouts its solutions to us and then deserts us when we are in need. Forgive us for the many times in which we have strayed from your pathway of life; when we have chosen not to hear the cries of those in need; when we have belittled the gifts and skills you have given us in order to avoid serving others. Heal us, O Lord. Place us back on your path to Jerusalem.

A time of silence.

When God called your name, God called you to a journey of faith. Do not be afraid to look inside to see those things which are holding you back from being who God created you to be. Place your trust in God who is always with you, loving you into wholeness. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 13: 31-35

Glenn Durocher, READER

31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." 32 He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33 Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' 34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35 See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

CHOIR

"O Lamb of God (Agnus dei)"

Dean B. McIntyre

THE MESSAGE

The Kingdom of God: LIKE A HEN

*"I desired to gather your children together
as a hen gathers her brood under her wings..." v.34*

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 TFWS #2236

"Gather Us In"

Here in this place new light is streaming now is the darkness vanished away
 See in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day
 Gather us in, the lost and forsaken. Gather us in, the blind and the lame
 Call to us now and we shall awaken. We shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face
 We have been sung throughout all of history called to be light to the whole human race
 Gather us in, the rich and the haughty. Gather us in, the proud and the strong
 Give us a heart so meek and so lowly. Give us the courage to enter the song

Not in the dark of buildings confining. Not in some heaven light years away
 But here in this place the new light is shining. Now is the kingdom, now is the day
 Gather us in and hold us forever gather us in and make us your own
 Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bones

*BENEDICTION

Be strong in the Lord. You can walk in God's ways, for God is with you, offering you peace, hope, courage, and joy. God's love abides with you always. Go in peace. **Amen.**

CALENDAR

Monday, March 14	10 AM Zoom Prayer/Discussion Group 7 PM Interfaith Candlelight Prayer Vigil, First Pres.
Tuesday, March 15	4 PM Bell Choir Practice 7 PM LENTEN ZOOM DEVOTIONS: Rev. Gazzillo
Wednesday, March 16	7 PM Dist. Com. on Superintendency, Pastor Chairs
Sunday, March 20	10 AM WORSHIP
Monday, March 21	7PM Church Council (if necessary)

WEST ESSEX MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

Prayer Vigil for Peace



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