

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021

MOTHERS' DAY

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Rev. Vivian L. Rodeffer, Pastor

Maxine Alstrom, Music Director



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND GREETING FOR MOTHERS' DAY

Pastor Viv

Jacqui Lawson Digital Greeting

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God,
Who, like a caring mother, knows us intimately,
 Loves us unconditionally,
Teaches us the way we should go,
 And comforts us in times of need.
Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life!

HYMN TFWS #2045

"Sing a New Song to the Lord"

**Sing a new song to the Lord,
 He to whom wonders belong;
 rejoice in His triumph and tell of His power,
 O sing to the Lord a new song!**

**Now to the ends of the earth
 see His salvation is shown;
 and still He remembers His mercy and truth,
 unchanging in love to his own.**

**Sing a new song and rejoice,
 publish His praises abroad;
 let voices in chorus, with trumpet and horn,
 resound for the joy of the Lord!**

Join with the hills and the sea
thunders of praise to prolong;
in judgment and justice He comes to the earth,
O sing to the Lord a new song!

MISSION MINUTE

Family Promise

Tracy Voca

COLLECT

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless our mothers, grandmothers, sisters and aunts that they may be strengthened as Christians. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Megan Mead-Bracknell

SCRIPTURE

1 John 5: 1-6

Jeannie Valerio, Reader

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴ for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵ Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

CUMC CHOIR

"A Mother's Love"

MESSAGE

OUR MOTHER IS GOD

"Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God..." 1 John 5: 1

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Gracious God, you are a loving parent imparting wisdom to all who love and follow you. We praise your name under the comfort of your care as we place these tithes and offerings before you. Multiply these gifts and use them for your kingdom's sake so that others will feel your guiding hand as well. Amen.

THE MORNING PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**Pastor Karen**

*Please note that prayers can be submitted anytime 24/7 on our new website.
Select "PRAY" at the top of the homepage and fill in your request. Thank you.*

**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 #121**"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"**

**1. There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.**

**2. For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the eternal
is most wonderfully kind.**

**3. If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be illumined,
by the glory of the Lord.**

BENEDICTION

May God draw near to you and strengthen you;
May Christ Jesus teach you the ways of simplicity;
and may the Holy Spirit fill you with wisdom
and make you fruitful in peace and righteousness.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, **Amen.**

POSTLUDE**VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR AND FELLOWSHIP****Calendar**

Monday, May 10	10:00 AM Zoom Prayer/ Discussion Group
	7:00 PM Zoom Finance Meeting
	8:00 PM Zoom Trustee Meeting
Thursday, May 13	9:00 AM Zoom Clergy Session of Annual Conference
Sunday, May 16	10:00 AM Zoom Worship