

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

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Covenant United Methodist Church

“Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by proclaiming the good news of God’s grace and living out Jesus’ command to love God and neighbor”

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 21, 2024 – 10:00am
(*Indicates standing, as you are able)

PRELUDE

***OPENING HYMN** *We Are Standing On Holy Ground*
(AAHH 183)

WELCOME, PRAISE, & TESTIMONY

Pastor Caldwell

OPENING PRAYER

Fortunate Danje

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Please stand if you are able)*

Leader: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

People: How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

Leader: “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?”

People: “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?”

Leader: For from him and through him and to him are all things.

ALL: To him be glory forever. Amen.

(Romans 11:33-36)

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please be seated) **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Morning Bible Study with Pastor Caldwell

Wednesdays @ 7:00 am

(Via Zoom: ID: 908 756 2684; Passcode: 07060)

Evening Bible Study with Minister Bridget Charles

Wednesdays @ 7:00pm

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Free Meals Program—Every Monday @ 5:00 pm

(Volunteers, money and food donations welcomed)

International Food Festival

Saturday, August 10 @ 10:00—4:00 pm

Tickets are now available—\$25.00

(Please see Nesta Murray)

***CLOSING HYMN** *No, Not One* **(AAHH 308)**

***BENEDICTION** **Pastor Caldwell**

POSTLUDE

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-Chase Zelle: covenantumcplfd@gmail.com

-Our website: www.cumcp.com (visit the **About** page and click on the **Contribution Button**)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
(UMH 95)

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (Standing and in unison)
Holy God, in this moment of offering, we acknowledge your timeless presence and boundless love. As we bring forth our gifts, may we be reminded of your unwavering faithfulness and steadfast guidance in our lives. Grant us the wisdom to heed your call to worship and live out our faith with humility and grace. Amen.
([2 Samuel 7:1-14a](#))

***PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION** *(Please stand as you are able)*
Gracious Lord, like Nicodemus, we come to the word with many questions. Like the Pharisees, we can be captivated by correctness, intent on right answers. As we turn to your word, Spirit of God, do not let our desire for information dominate our need for transformation. Let us hear the word and be moved to greater faith and obedience. Amen.

***HYMN** *Fairest Lord Jesus* (UMH 189)

***APOSTLES' CREED** *(Please stand if you are able)*
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Please stand as you are able)*
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, for ever and ever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *(Please be seated)*

Genesis 3:1-13

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" ⁴ "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. ⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." ¹¹ And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" ¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

***GLORIA PATRI** *(Please stand if you are able)* (UMH 71)
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

***NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** *(Please stand as you are able)*
Colossians 2:1-8

¹ I want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. ² My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴ I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. ⁵ For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is. ⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

SPECIAL SELECTION *My Tribute*

MESSAGE *The Gift of Knowledge* **Pastor Caldwell**

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