

SUNDAY, April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor



PRELUDE

Helen Jung

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

P: Hosanna! Rejoice for the Lord is in our midst.

L: He comes with joy and hope.

P: He comes to set us free from fear.

L: Hosanna!

P: Hosanna! Glory to God in the Highest Heaven. AMEN.

*** OPENING HYMN**

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

UMH # 158

1 Come, Christians, join to sing:

Alleluia! Amen!

loud praise to Christ our King:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,

before his throne rejoice;

praise is his gracious choice.

Alleluia! Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky:

Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend;

to us he'll condescend;

his love shall never end:

Alleluia! Amen!

3 Praise yet the Lord again:

Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain:

Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore
his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore:
Alleluia! Amen!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that when our spirits have been challenged and tried in life, we want everything to be wonderful and look to you to conquer all those things that threaten us and our peace. We want you to fulfill our wishes rather than trusting in your love and goodness for us. Forgive us, Lord, when we place our fears and ignorance before your love. Help us to look again at the many ways in which we can be a blessing to others, through serving them and you. Release us from our panic and mistrust and help us to place our lives solely in your hands. AMEN.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

"Thou Art Worthy"

TFWS # 2041

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:28-40

28 After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

29 As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

30 "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

32 Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them.

33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

34 They replied, "The Lord needs it."

35 They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it.

36 As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

37 When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

38 "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

40 "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

- Altar Flowers are given by the Park family to the Glory of God and in celebration of Mama Park's birthday.
- Special thanks to Pastor Karen for hosting the time of Fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.
- Join us for our Lenten Soup and Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm throughout the period of Lent. We are studying Adam Hamilton's "24 Hours That Changed the World."
- We invite you to join us in the weekly Bible reading program. The question sheet can be picked up every Sunday from the back of the church or receive it in your email every Sunday afternoon. Reading the Bible each day will help us to grow in our faith. We are reading the Book of Exodus.
- Today is the last day we are accepting orders for Easter flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter Service. The flowers can be ordered in memory or in honor of someone dear to you. To order flowers please see the insert in this bulletin.
- Dorothy Theile's memorial service will take place in the sanctuary on Saturday, April 26th at 11:00 am.



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Coming Up This Week

April 16th @ 6:30 pm – Lenten Soup & Bible Study

April 17th @ 7:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Service

April 18th @ 7:30 pm – Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Celebrating Birthdays This Week:

Hong Y (Mama) Park - April 17th