

SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023

5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Ms. Maxine Alstrom, Music Director



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

*God of new beginnings, we thank you and praise you for your presence with us today as we begin a new journey together as your church and as followers of Jesus Christ. Fill our hearts with new excitements and also with a new commitment to love and serve with all that we are and all that we have. Pour upon us your Holy Spirit and unite us in your love. **Amen.***

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let all creation rejoice before the LORD.

***HYMN # 327**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.

Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee.

and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

**2 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave.
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

**3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways.
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of a paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.**

**4 Crown him the Lord of love, behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you are the one who leads us from darkness into light,
from captivity into freedom, from anxiety into peace, from despair into joy.
Yet we long to break free, choosing independence,
convinced of our own wisdom, forgetting your love and grace.
Forgive us, draw close to us, embrace us once again in your loving arms,
and enable us to follow you in worship and grateful service each day of our lives.
Amen

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 3:6-24

Tracy Voca, Reader

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." 14 So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. 15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and

you will strike his heel." 16 To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you." 17 To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' 'Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. 18 It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return." 20 Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living. 21 The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. 22 And the LORD God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever." 23 So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. 24 After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Maxine Alstrom, piano

MESSAGE

Our Deepest Longing

Pastor Park

RECEIVING THE MORNING'S OFFERINGS

***DEDICATION**

Gracious God, you are the giver of all good gifts. Receive these offerings and use them for your work in the world until "thy kingdom come." Amen.

***DOXOLOGY #94**

**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. Amen.

Closing Hymn*“We Are God’s People”**

TFWS # 2220

- 1 We are God’s people, the chosen of the Lord,
born of the Spirit established by the Word.
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Christ we stand.
O let us live transparently and
walk heart to heart and hand in hand.
- 2 We are God’s loved ones, the Bride of Christ, our Lord,
for we have known it, the love of God outpoured.
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given;
O let us share each joy and care
and live with a zeal that pleases heaven.
- 3 We are the body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Christ, now risen from the dead.
God wills us be a family diverse, yet truly one.
O let us give our gifts to God
and so shall God’s work on earth be done.
- 4 We are a temple, the Spirit’s dwelling place,
formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God’s grace.
We die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire,
yet joined in one the flame burns on
to give warmth and light and to inspire.

BENEDICTION*POSTLUDE*****Stand as able****Altar Flowers:**

The Prayer Plant on the altar is given by the **Caldwell United Methodist Church family** to the **glory of God** and to welcome **Reverend Park and his family**.

The flowers on the baptismal font are given by **Louise Woodcox** to the **glory of God** and in memory of her beloved husband **Jeff Woodcox**.

Stay after worship for a special Coffee Hour to welcome Rev. Park, Mrs. Park & family!

The church office is closed on July 4th – Independence Day.