

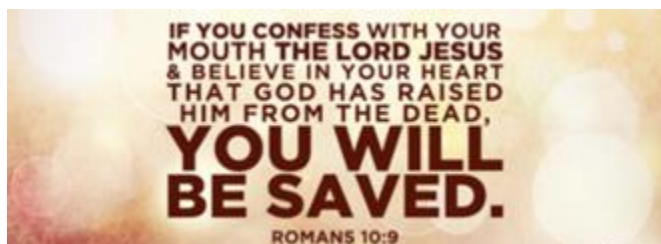
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

13th 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

We thank you, O Lord, that we are not alone. You watch over us, guide us, and lead us in your righteous pathways. When we stumble and fall, you lift us up and gently place us on that pathway again. When we doubt, you surround us with your mercy and peace, reassuring us of your presence through the love of others and of our savior Jesus Christ. Bless us, O Lord, with your presence as we worship you this day. Bless us with your love as we seek to grow in our love for you and for others and mature in our faith.

Bless us with your guidance as we give ourselves to you, to your church, and to your work in this world. We pray these things in Jesus' name. AMEN.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Welcome! It is good to have you here this day.

P: Thank you. We come seeking healing and peace for our spirits.

L: God is with us, giving that wondrous healing love to each one.

P: Blessed be God who watches over us.

L: Come, let us praise God with thankful hearts.

P: Lord, we come to you in gratitude for all you do for us. AMEN.

*** OPENING HYMN**

“His Name Is Wonderful” (2X)

HYMN # 174

**His name is wonderful, his name is wonderful,
his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.**

**He is the mighty King, Master of everything;
his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.**

**He's the Great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages,
Almighty God is he;**

**Bow down before him, love and adore him,
His name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Gracious and merciful God, you have given us so much, yet we remain set in our ways. Although we say we believe in you, we are often reluctant to follow you and live by your Word. We fill our lives with our own desires and wants, while turning our eyes away from what you want in us and for us. Forgive us we pray. Move us out of our complacency and push us into your service. Teach us to live as followers of Jesus who modeled faithful living for us. In the name of Jesus we pray. AMEN.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

“THOU ART WORTHY”

TFWS # 204

Thou art worthy,
 Thou art worthy,
 Thou art worthy, O Lord,
 To receive glory,
 Glory and honor,
 Glory and honor and power
 For Thou hast created,
 hast all things created,
 Thou hast created all things;
 And for Thy pleasure
 they are created -
 Thou art worthy, O Lord.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 16:13-20

Pastor Karen Gazzillo, Reader

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

L: The word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC **“Take My Life and Let it Be”** by David Williams the Choir

MESSAGE **“Who Do You Say I Am?”** Pastor Park

RECEIVING THE MORNING’S OFFERINGS

***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!**

***DEDICATION**

Generous and loving God, you are God who provides for us and gives to each one of us good things in life. As we come to worship you, we return a portion of your gift in gratitude and with joy. We thank you for giving us this opportunity to share from our abundance. Bless and transform these gifts with your love that they may become vessels of your love for others through the ministries and mission of this church. In Jesus’ name, we pray. AMEN.

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 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (vss. 1-4) UMH # 154**

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name!

**Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.**

**2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.**

Hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.

3. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.

4. Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

***Stand as able**

Altar flowers are given by **Midge Winnicki** to the **Glory of God** and in memory of her beloved nephew **Tom Crane**.

Flowering plant at the Altar is given by the **CUMC church family** to the **Glory of God** and with grateful hearts to thank **Maxine Alstrom** our Choir director, for her devoted musical ministry during her tenure at CUMC. We will miss you and extend our best wishes for the future.

Back to School Celebration & Blessing will be held on **Friday, September 8, 5:30—7:30 pm** and **Sunday, September 10, 10 am—12 noon**. Please invite family, friends & neighbors.

The **Caldwell United Methodist 18th Annual Golf Outing** is **September 26th**. To register as a golfer or for information on sponsorship opportunities contact **Ken Ingra** at **201-410-1940** or **keningra@optonline.net** or scan the code below.



Scripture Readers for August:
Aug. 6 – Joyce Francavilla
Aug. 13 – Michele Sauer
Aug. 20 – Greg Elphinstone
Aug. 27 – Pastor Karen Gazzillo