

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

16th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

Gracious and loving God, you are God who gives us new beginnings and enables us to live our life with hope. Out of our busy and hectic life, you have called us to this place of worship so that we may recenter ourselves in your love and experience in our souls the peace and rest that only you can give. Fill us now with your love that always encourages and sustains us. May we feel your presence and experience your peace as we worship you in spirit and in truth. In this time of worship, may we offer you our sincere praise and thanks for all the blessings we have received throughout our lives. We pray these things in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. AMEN.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come from far and near, and from all kinds of situations of life, to worship God and to be in God's loving presence.

P: We praise God for God's presence with us!

L: Prepare your hearts and spirits to receive God's mercy and healing.

P: We thank God for God's mercy toward us.

L: Come, let us praise and worship God who is always with us.

P: Thanks be to God at all times and in all places. AMEN.

* OPENING HYMN

"We Gather Together"

HYMN # 131

**1. We gather together
to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens
his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing
now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name;
he forgets not his own.**

**2. Beside us to guide us,
our God with us joining,**

ordaining, maintaining
 his kingdom divine;
 so from the beginning
 the fight we were winning;
 thou, Lord, wast at our side,
 all glory be thine!

3. We all do extol thee,
 thou leader triumphant,
 and pray that thou still
 our defender wilt be.
 Let thy congregation
 escape tribulation;
 thy name be ever praised!
 O Lord, make us free!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We insist in our own ways instead of seeking to understand and follow Your ways. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sins, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. In the name of Jesus we pray, AMEN.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

“THOU ART WORTHY”
 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.

TFWS # 2041

SCRIPTURE**Matthew 18:15-20****Jeannie Laureano, Reader**

15 "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. 16 But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector. 18 "I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC**Noel Piercy****MESSAGE****"When One Fails"****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**

Loving God, you are the giver of life and every good and perfect gift that we enjoy in life. Thank you for caring for us and always providing for our needs in more ways than we can ever know. We honor you and thank you through the offering of these tangible gifts. We also thank you for all those who continue to support the work of your church through the faithful giving of their time, talent and treasure. Bless these gifts and all those who give to support your church. Help us to use these gifts for ministries to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to this world. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

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

**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**

“Grace Alone”

TFWS # 2162

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,
every difference we can make is only by His grace.
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,
every blessing left behind is only by His grace.

REFRAIN:

Grace alone, which God supplies;
strength unknown He will provide;
Christ in us, our cornerstone –
we will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,
everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,
every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace.

REFRAIN:

Grace alone, which God supplies;
strength unknown He will provide;
Christ in us, our cornerstone –
we will go forth in grace alone.

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

***Stand as able**

Altar flowers are given by the **CUMC church family** to the **Glory of God** and with grateful hearts and appreciation for the continued ministry of **Pastor Karen**.

Thank you to Noel Piercy, our substitute musician for sharing his talents with us today.

Girls' Night Out – September 19, 6:00 pm at Tavern 292. Come to enjoy a night of fun, friendship, and fellowship. Separate checks will be provided. Please contact Myrtle by Sunday, **September 17** to reserve your space. Phone: call or text **973-214-3437** Email: myrtm3@yahoo.com

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.



Readers for September

Sept. 3 Stephanie DeBryune

Sept. 10 Jeannie Lauriano

Sept. 17 Tracy Voca

Sept. 24 volunteer needed