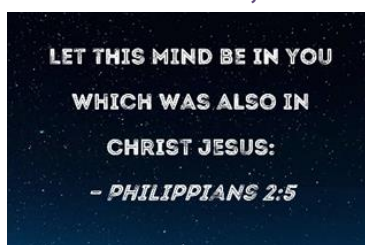


SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

18th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor



PRELUDE

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

So Jung Lee

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

God of hope and peace, you are with us in all our days and in all our ways. As you walked with the Israelites in the desert, when they had given up hope, you came to them with nourishment and your steadfast love. As Jesus walked through Jerusalem, healing the sick and those afflicted, your love was made abundantly clear through acts of love and mercy. Be with us this day as we gather to hear your word. Inspire and encourage us in all that we do, that we may serve you faithfully, bringing hope and your message of love to your thirsting world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. AMEN.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Welcome to God’s house! We are delighted to have you here!

P: We hunger for God’s word of hope.

L: You have come to the right place. Here you will be fed on the life-giving love of God.

P: We thirst for God’s healing in our lives.

L: At the table of the Lord, you will be fed and your thirst quenched.

P: Thanks be to God who provides for our needs. Amen.

*** OPENING 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.**

**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.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

God of mercy, your love has never been far from us. Even when we turn our backs on people in need, when we seek our own comfort and neglect to help others, when we, by our thoughts and actions, betray you, you always are with us. Forgive us our self-centeredness and failures to live as people of faith. Heal our spirits and renew our mind. You have placed us in a global community in which illness, oppression, greed, fear and anger abound. You ask us to proclaim your words of hope and love, of healing and mercy for all your people. Place us again on the path of peace for all your children. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. AMEN.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**GATHERING SONG****“THOU ART WORTHY”****TFWS # 2041**

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**Philippians 2:1-13****Christie Pavlishin, Reader**

Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. ⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹² Therefore, my

dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “Holy, Holy, Holy” So Jung Lee

MESSAGE “The Mind of Christ” 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**

Beloved and loving God, bless these gifts, that they may bring unity to a world in strife. Bless our lives, that we may bring love to everyone we meet. Bless our church, that our fellowship may be a place of unity and inclusion for all. In Jesus’ name, we pray. AMEN.

HOLY COMMUNION The Great Thanksgiving Insert

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** “O How I Love Jesus” UMH # 170

**1. There is a name I love to hear,
I love to sing its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear,
the sweetest name on earth.**

Refrain:

**O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,**

O how I love Jesus,
because he first loved me!

2. It tells me of a Savior's love,
who died to set me free;
it tells me of his precious blood,
the sinner's perfect plea. [Refrain]

3. It tells of one whose loving heart
can feel my deepest woe;
who in each sorrow bears a part
that none can bear below. [Refrain]

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

“O Worship the King”

So Jung Lee

***Stand as able**

Altar flowers are given by **Stephanie & Don DeBruyne** to the **Glory of God** and in memory of Don's dear father **Neil BeBruyne**.

Altar flowers are given by the **CUMC church family** to the **Glory of God** and to **Amy Hansen & family** to wish them much happiness in their new home.

Thank you to **So Jung Lee**, our musician today for sharing her talents with us this Sunday.

We thank Coffee Hour host, **Christie Pavlishin** and all those who contributed to Coffee Hour today.

Coffee hour hosts are needed for the months of Oct, Nov, and Dec. There is a sign-up sheet in the Guyn Room. Please consider offering your help (purchase or bake some goodies and have ready to serve) to continue this time of fellowship.

Scripture Readers are needed for the month of October. Please call the church office at **973-226-4410** or email caldwellumcnj@gmail.com if you can volunteer.