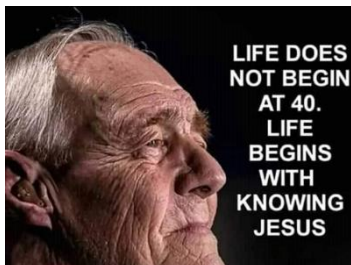


SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

19TH Sunday after Pentecost

Caldwell United Methodist Church
8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006
Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor



PRELUDE

“In the Garden”

So Jung Lee

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

We give you, O God, our praise and thanks for the gift of this day. Thank you for making this day holy from all other days and extending your invitation of love and peace to us so that we may gather as your people to worship you and find rest for our souls in your loving presence. Be with us in this time of worship and help us to turn our hearts to you, Lord. Speak to us your Word for our lives. Touch us with your Holy Spirit, and bless us with your loving presence so that we may rededicate our life to you and recommit ourselves to a life of love and faithful service in this world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come away from the rush and worry of the world to worship God.

Though our individual lives may differ, we all come seeking God’s loving guidance and forgiveness.

Rest your spirits. Quiet your hearts. God is with us.

Praise be to God who calls us to come away.

Feed on the love of God in Jesus Christ through this time of worship.

Bless each one of us, O Lord, that we may fully receive your word and seek your will for our lives. AMEN.

*** OPENING HYMN**

“How Great Thou Art”

UMH # 77

**1 O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hand have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;

how great thou art, how great thou art!
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
 how great thou art, how great thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
 and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
 when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
 and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]

3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
 that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
 he bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
 and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! [Refrain]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your judgment. But for our sake, and the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. In your grace and mercy, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways as your people. 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 3:4-14** **Tracy Voca, Reader**

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: **5** circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; **6** as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. **7** But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. **8** What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ **9** and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. **10** I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, **11** and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. **12** Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. **13** Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, **14** I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM **“His Eyes are On the Sparrow”** **So Jung Lee**

MESSAGE **“Knowing 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**

God of life and every good and perfect gift, you are good in all your ways and your grace and mercy never end. As recipients of your grace, O God, we bring our gifts to you both

on line as well as in person and offer them to you with joy and gratitude as a token of our love for you and our appreciation of all your blessings in our lives. Bless the gifts and the lives that they represent, that all may be used in your service and to your glory. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

PRAYER

Pastor Karen

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**

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

UMH # 368

**1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Refrain:

**On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.**

**2. When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.
(Refrain)**

**3. His oath, his covenant, his blood
supports me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.
(Refrain)**

**4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!**

**Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne!
(Refrain)**

*** BENEDICTION**

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

“Praise Medley”

So Jung Lee

***Stand as able**

Altar flowers are given by **Patty Sampson** to the **Glory of God** and with loving thoughts for my son, **Jeffrey** and my granddaughter, **Bray**.

Altar flowers are given by the **CUMC church family** to the **Glory of God** and in recognition of **Clergy Appreciation Month**.

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

We thank today's Coffee Hour host, **Pastor Karen Gazzillo**.

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