


SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

20th Sunday After Pentecost

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor



Worry implies that we don't quite trust God is big enough, powerful enough, or loving enough to take care of what's happening in our lives.

Francis Chan

PRELUDE

“Near to the Heart of God”

So Jung Lee

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

We come before you this day having witnessed throughout last week the realities of indescribable human suffering and evil in the Middle East. Our hearts are heavy and we lift up our sincere prayers for peace and healing in this world. Help us to know that when we abide in your truth and live according to your ways, good triumphs over evil, love is stronger than hate, and truth wins the day. As we worship you today, open our hearts and our spirits, O God, so we may hear your healing words of love and hope. Help us be the people of peace and reconciliation that you have called us to be. Focus our hearts and minds on things that are worthy of praise, and bless us with a peace that passes all understanding. In Jesus' Name. AMEN.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise be to God, who has brought us here this day.

Praise and thanks be to God for all the blessings we have received.

What joy we have in God's presence!

What peace is brought to us in God's house!

As God gives us peace, God call us to be peacemakers in this world.

Lord, teach us and help us to be your peace.

Come, let us worship God in truth and in spirit.

To God be the glory and honor. AMEN.

*** OPENING HYMN**

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

UMH # 348

**1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.**

Refrain:

**Come home, come home;
you who are weary come home;**

earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, come home!

2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?

Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]

3 Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,
passing from you and from me;
shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming,
coming for you and for me. [Refrain]

4 O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

We seek your goodness, O God, for we search our hearts and find them wanting.
We seek your joy, source of mirth and laughter, for our limbs are weary and our
hearts are heavy. Set our minds on things that are excellent, admirable, and
worthy of praise. Teach and inspire us to shine the light of your love far and wide,
that the world might strive after things that are just, righteous, and true. 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.

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SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:1-9

Pastor Karen, Reader

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**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

UMH # 526

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

*** BENEDICTION**

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

“Blessed Assurance”

So Jung Lee

***Stand as able**

Altar flowers are given to the **Glory of God** and as the congregation of **Caldwell United Methodist Church** joins together in prayer for the **people of Israel**.

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

We thank Carol O'Donnell for providing refreshments for Coffee Hour today.

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.

Make plans to attend the Pulled Pork and BBQ Chicken Dinner on October 21 from 5 to 7 pm! A dine-in buffet or takeout option is available. Use the QR code below, email the office at caldwellumcnj@gmail.com, visit our website at caldwellchurch.org or call the church office at 973-226-4410 to make your reservations. Reservations and payment are required by Tuesday, October 17th.

