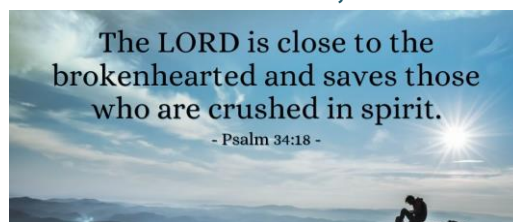


SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor



The LORD is close to the
brokenhearted and saves those
who are crushed in spirit.

- Psalm 34:18 -

PRELUDE

“When I Look Into Your Holiness”

Jackie Han

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

God of grace and hope, we have gathered here today to remember and honor you as our Lord and King. Bless this time of worship with your Holy Presence and pour upon us your Holy Spirit. Fill our hearts with your joy as we sing songs of praise and honor. May we feel your closeness as we draw to you through our prayers. Open our eyes and minds to see your wonderful truth for our lives as we hear your Word. Grant us faith and courage to live a life of faith as true witnesses of your love, mercy and peace in this world. In the name of Jesus we pray. AMEN.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

God has been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,

before the earth and sky were formed,

God was from everlasting to everlasting.

We come to worship this day,

that God may gather us in.

We will be close to God’s heart,

and we will dwell in God’s grace.

We will love God fully,

and we will love one another well.

*** OPENING HYMN**

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

UMH # 66

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,

to the throne thy tribute bring;

ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

evermore God's praises sing.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise the everlasting King.

**2. Praise the Lord for grace and favor
to all people in distress;
praise God, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious now God's faithfulness.**

**3. Father-like, God tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame God knows;
mother-like, God gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet God's mercy flows.**

**4. Angels in the heights, adoring,
you behold God face to face;
saints triumphant, now adoring,
gathered in from every race.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Merciful God, it isn't easy for us to follow the commandments of loving. Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God and to love our neighbors. But we have allowed misunderstanding, fear, hatred, and prejudice to cloud our spirits, turning them away from those who need our love. Please forgive us and give us the courage to be people who will care for others. Help us to dedicate our lives in your service, always aware of your awesome love for us. This we ask in Jesus' Name. 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;**

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**And for Thy pleasure
they are created -
Thou art worthy, O Lord.**

SCRIPTURE**Deuteronomy 34:1-12****Michele Sauer, Reader**

Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the LORD showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan, ² all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, ³ the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. ⁴ Then the LORD said to him, “This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it.” ⁵ And Moses the servant of the LORD died there in Moab, as the LORD had said. ⁶ He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. ⁷ Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. ⁸ The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over. ⁹ Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the LORD had commanded Moses. ¹⁰ Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹ who did all those signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. ¹² For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM**“All Is Well With My Soul”****Jackie Han****MESSAGE****“Grace on the Mountaintop”****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 steadfast love, your bounty knows no bounds. For the abundant gifts in our lives,

we thank you. For the peace that passes all understanding, we praise you. For keeping our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, we honor you. We worship you through the offering of these material gifts. We offer them to you with joy and thanksgiving. Bless these gifts and our church as we seek to be an avenue of your love, goodness and peace in this world. 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**

"Stand By Me"

UMH # 512

**1 When the storms of life are raging,
stand by me (stand by me);
when the storms of life are raging,
stand by me (stand by me).
When the world is tossing me
like a ship upon the sea,
thou who rulest wind and water,
Stand by me (stand by me).**

**2 In the midst of tribulation,
stand by me (stand by me);
in the midst of tribulation,
stand by me (stand by me).
When the host of hell assail,
and my strength begins to fail,
thou who never lost a battle,
stand by me (stand by me).**

**3 In the midst of faults and failures,
stand by me (stand by me);
in the midst of faults and failures,
stand by me (stand by me).
When I do the best I can,
and my friends misunderstand,**

thou who knowest all about me,
stand by me (stand by me).

4 In the midst of persecution,
stand by me (stand by me);
in the midst of persecution,
stand by me (stand by me).
When my foes in battle array
undertake to stop my way,
thou who savèd Paul and Silas,
stand by me (stand by me).

5 When I'm growing old and feeble,
stand by me (stand by me);
when I'm growing old and feeble,
stand by me (stand by me).
When my life becomes a burden,
and I'm nearing chilly Jordan,
O thou Lily of the Valley,
stand by me (stand by me)

* BENEDICTION

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

“Walking In The Sunlight All Of My Journey”

Jackie Han

*Stand as able

Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God and sending good wishes to Ruth Carrara as she recovers from recent surgery.

Thank you to Michele Sauer who provided the refreshments for Coffee Hour today.