

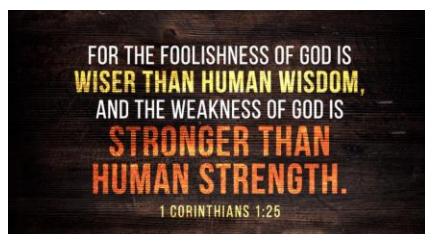
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

25th Sunday After Pentecost

Jackie Han, Music Director



PRELUDE

“Go Carry Thy Burden To Jesus”

Jackie Han

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We are pulled in many directions.

P: Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.

L: This day, in this place, let service to God be your choice.

P: This day, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God.

L: Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.

P: Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives. AMEN.

*** OPENING HYMN**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

UMH # 92

**1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;**

**Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light; (Refrain)**

**3. For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight; (Refrain)**

4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild; (Refrain)

5. For thy church, that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love; (Refrain)

6. For thyself, best Gift Divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth, and joy in heaven: (Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

O Lord, there never seems to be enough time to do all the things that are demanded of us. Schedules become crowded. We live by the clock. We think we are ready for all events that will come our way. But we are rarely ready for you. We would like you to come to us at a planned time so that we can fit you into our busy lives. We have moved you to a time on our weekly calendars. Yet you are the eternal God who has always loved us and blessed us in countless ways. Forgive us, O Lord, for trying to make you a scheduled event. You are the true foundation of life and, without you, we are nothing. But we have neglected your will and followed after other things in life. Forgive us and grant us your mercy. Help us to re-center ourselves in your love for us and receive you as our Lord and Master of life through this time of worship. 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

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**they are created -
Thou art worthy, O Lord.**

SCRIPTURE**Matthew 25:1-13****Tracy Voca, Reader**

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep ⁶ “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ ⁷ “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ “‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. ¹¹ “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’ ¹² “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’ ¹³ “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

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

ANTHEM**“Softly and Tenderly”****Jackie Han****MESSAGE****“Lessons from Foolish Virgins”****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*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	<p data-bbox="565 357 1104 394">“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”</p> <p data-bbox="565 403 1144 562">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.</p> <p data-bbox="565 598 1063 758">Refrain: On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.</p> <p data-bbox="565 793 1161 997">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)</p> <p data-bbox="565 1033 1112 1236">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)</p> <p data-bbox="565 1272 1226 1474">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)</p>	UMH # 368
* BENEDICTION		Pastor Park
POSTLUDE	“A Mighty Fortress”	Jackie Kim

*Stand as able

We extend a warm welcome to **Jackie Han**, our new minister of music!

Altar Flowers today are given by the **Caldwell United Methodist Church family** to the **glory of God** and in celebration of our new music minister **Jackie Han**.

Thank you to **Pastor Karen** who has provided the refreshments for Coffee Hour today.

If you would like to have flowers placed on the altar in memory of, in celebration of a person or event, please contact Louise Woodcox by email (lwoodcoxartist@icloud.com) or by phone at 973-227-2924. Altar flowers are needed for the rest of November and December except for December 17th.

Scripture readers are needed for the rest of November and all of December. Please contact the church office at caldwellumcnj@gmail.com or 973-226-4410 if you can volunteer to read.

Our 2023 Annual Church Conference will take place this coming Saturday, November 18th from 11 AM to 12 Noon via ZOOM. The link will be provided via email during the week. Everyone is invited to attend.