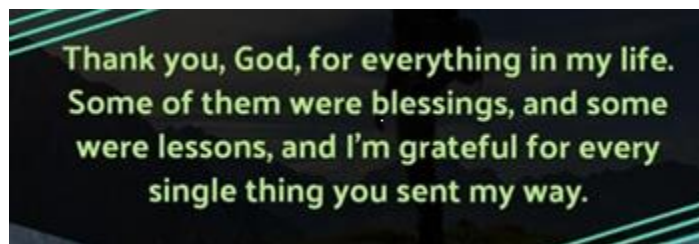


SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023 * THANKSGIVING SUNDAY *
Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006
Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor **Jackie Han, Music Director**



PRELUDE **“Give Thanks”** **Jackie Kim**

WELCOME AND INVOCATION **Pastor Park**

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

For food in our homes and roofs over our heads,
we give God our thanks and praise.

For healing in our bodies and renewal in our souls,
we give God our thanks and praise.

For this beautiful earth and its abundant provisions,
we give God our thanks and praise.

For friends and family and the kindness of strangers,
we give God our thanks and praise.

For Christ's call to live lives of purpose and passion,
we give God our thanks and praise.

Teach us to be good stewards of your gifts, sharing them with others.

Enter our hearts and fill us with the joy of sharing. In Jesus' name. AMEN.

*** OPENING HYMN** **“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”** **UMH # 694**

**1. Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
 all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
 God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
 come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.**

**2. All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield;
 wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown;
 first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
 Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;
 from the field shall in that day all offenses purge away,**

giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Creator of life and giver of all that we have, thank you for your amazing grace and your abundant love. Despite all of the ways that you blessed us and cared for us, we failed to live a life of generosity with others. Often times, we focused on our own needs and wellbeing while neglecting the needs of others and their wellbeing. Even though you blessed us in so many ways, we often forgot to honor you or thank you. Forgive us of our forgetfulness and help us to live our life with a deeper appreciation of your love, generosity and goodness. Move in and through us with your Holy Spirit and help us to practice kindness and generosity in our life with others. In your love and grace we pray, 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

Deuteronomy 8:1-20

Pastor Karen, Reader

Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land the LORD promised on oath to your ancestors. ² Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. ³ He humbled you, causing you to

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***DEDICATION**

PRAYER

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**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH # 140

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
 there is no shadow of turning with thee;
 thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
 as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;
 all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
 great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
 sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
 join with all nature in manifold witness
 to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
 thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
 strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
 blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

*** BENEDICTION**

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Jackie Han

***Stand as able**

Altar flowers are given by the CUMC church family to **the Glory of God** with love and prayers for **Michele Sauer** a full and complete recovery.

Flowers on the Baptismal Font are given by Louise Woodcox to **the Glory of God** in loving memory of her husband **Jeff Woodcox** on the anniversary of his passing.

Celebrating Thanksgiving Sunday the refreshments for coffee hour are hosted by **Joyce Francavilla, Tracy Voca , Louise Woodcox and Mama Park.**

Prayer & Chant Circle, a peace-filled service of prayer and music led by Rev. Frederick Boyle is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 10:00 am. All are welcome.

There will be a **Potluck Dinner & Christmas Sale** to benefit the church coordinated by **Dave & Rita Whetton**. The dinner & sale will be held on Friday, December 1st at 6:00 pm. Contact Rita at ritawhetton2000@gmail.com for more information.