

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023
Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006
Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Christ the King Sunday
Jackie Han, Music Minister

Life is give and take. Give thanks
 and take nothing for granted.
 Being happy doesn't mean you
 have it all, it means you
 appreciate it all.

PRELUDE

“Thanks For God”

Jackie Han

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Rev. Wayne Plumstead

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: How shall we enter the house of the Lord?

P: With songs of great praise and rejoicing!

L: How shall we prepare ourselves to receive the blessings?

P: With hearts, minds, and spirits that are open.

L: Come, let us worship the Lord and bow down.

P: Let us offer our praise to God who has redeemed us. AMEN.

*** 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, 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. For our sake, and the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways that lead to glory. 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.

TFWS # 2041

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Reader

When you have entered the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, ² take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the Lord your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name ³ and say to the priest in office at the time, “I declare today to the Lord your God

that I have come to the land the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.”⁴ The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the Lord your God.⁵ Then you shall declare before the Lord your God: “My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous.⁶ But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor.⁷ Then we cried out to the Lord, the God of our ancestors, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression.⁸ So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders.⁹ He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey;¹⁰ and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.” Place the basket before the Lord your God and bow down before him.¹¹ Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Give Thanks”

Jackie Han

MESSAGE

“Getting the Story Straight”

Rev. Wayne Plumstead

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

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.

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.

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be at 8:00 pm. See the bulletin insert.

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.

Women of Caldwell UMC – You are invited to the Women’s Fellowship Christmas Party to be held on December 8th at 6:30 pm. See the insert in this bulletin for details.

Please see the bulletin inserts for our “Finish Strong” stewardship campaign and also an opportunity to help beautify the church for the Christmas season with wreaths and garlands.